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ROOF OVER NETTING (RON)

Advice for Clients & Contractors when specifying, tendering & installing 'Roof Over-Netting' solutions

The use of "Roof Over-Netting" [RON] systems are sometimes a means of protection when a 'roof over sheeting' design has been specified.

In specifying a Roof Over-Sheeting design, the Designer must have justified that this is the safest method of work and that traditional safety netting installations cannot be achieved.

A Roof Over-Sheeting activity usually requires a Safety Net secured in place over the existing roof membrane and then the new roof panels fixed over the top, thus trapping the nets in place.

In specifying that RON is the Designers **last resort** to providing collective fall protection, the Principal Contractor and Installers must ensure that the RON activity is carried out in accordance with a safe system of work and the Installers are competent to undertake the task.

Note1: the FASET Safety Net Training syllabus and certification scheme does not prove that the Installer has the required level of Skills, Experience, Knowledge and Training to perform the task safely.

Note2: There are no current British or European Standards for using a Safety Net in a RON situation. Therefore the Designer in specifying the work must ensure that they have satisfied themselves that the Nets can be used in this way.

To aid Clients & Contractors and Installers when RON system has been specified, FASET has published an advice document that can be found <https://www.faset.org.uk/guidance/roof-over-netting/>

This guidance document provides :-

- Responsibilities for the Clients, Principal Designers and Installers
- General Arrangements for:
 - Temporary Works
 - The Structure
 - The Type of Nets Used
- Information on testing FASET has carried out
- Requirements for a full perimeter scaffold.
- Advice on determining Installer Competence.



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Although a FASET Member may undertake Roof Over Netting works, this may not be within the scope of their FASET Membership as they may not have been audited on their Roof Overnetting arrangements and their Managers / Installers may not be trained in the activities. It is therefore the responsibility of all CDM Duty holders to ensure that their FASET Membership Scope covers Roof Overnetting (as detailed on their annual membership certificate) and that safe systems of work for the installation (if applicable, working with asbestos) and the levels of training are fully detailed in the project Method Statement & Risk Assessment for the work.

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