# Safe Work Practice

## Use of Swing Stage

**Steps:**

Before Boarding:

- All overhead rigging, counterweights, and connections are properly anchored.
- Toe boards and guard rails are in place and in satisfactory condition.
- Manual descent cranks are in place.
- Life lines run to the ground.
- Counter weight tie backs are tight and as straight back as possible from outriggers.
- Steel cables have no kinks.
- “Men Working Above” signs or other barricades are in place.
- Harnesses are attached to safety line at ground level.
- Have a communication device with you.

During Operation

- Use building regulations when working on roof.
- Be aware of protrusions on building (ie: power cord getting caught up after you have passed them).
- Note wind conditions (Ground wind speed can differ from the wind 100’ up). Check radio for updates on weather.
- Do not depend on suction cups to tie into building during glazing operation.
- Use wash track or suitable mechanical fastening devices.
- Know the weight limit of stage.
- When working above a highly populated area, trying the essentials (ie: prybar, knife) to your wrists using twine has proven feasible and safe.
- Ensure tips in drills and screw guns are tight.
- When removing a broken tempered spandrel, securely attach carpeting or canvas to floor of stage and to bottom of pressure plate of broken spandrel.
- Use double lanyard when egressing to/from swingstage from window opening or roof.

After Operation

- Leave stage with power and steel cables tight and away from building, pull safety lines up.
- Disconnect power at roof level.