



HiPo Near miss: Flashing Sheet falls 14

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**Summary:**

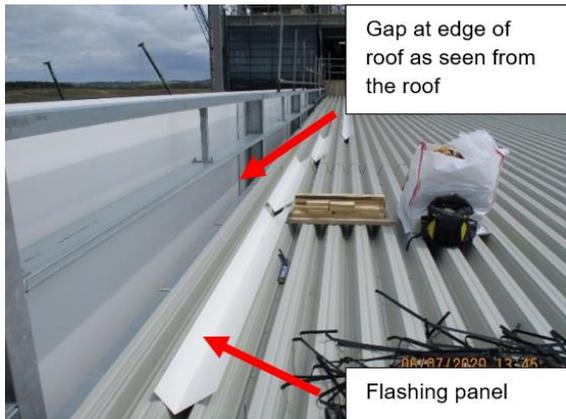
Recently during the construction of an energy from waste plant a scaffold a second near miss occurred involving a large item of construction material falling through a small gap. This incident involved a right angled sheet of flashing used to weatherproof the corners of roofs. The flashing sheet was approximately 3m long and weighed 30kg. It was about to be installed between the roof cladding sheets and the vertical parapet wall sheets. The gap that the sheet was covering was 320mm, it ran along the length of the roof directly above the inside of the tipping hall. There were no controls in place to protect workers below when the first panel was installed. Two operatives were assigned to fit the sheets but one was not at the workface so a single operative attempted to fit the sheet which dropped through the gap and no supervisor in the area. The sheet fell into an area where another contractor had been working shortly before.

**Outcomes**

- No one was injured
- Cladding operations were suspended

**Incident Classification: Near miss / HiPo**

**Photos**



**Root Causes and Contributory Factors**

**Process Failures**

- The supervisor had not noticed the gap or put any controls in place to prevent dropped objects.
- The supervisor was not present when the job started to check that other controls were adequate.

**Human Factor Failures**

- The operative attempted to fit the heavy flashing sheet on his own.

**Lesson Learned**

- Check that Point of Work Risk Assessments are correctly implemented and conducted and the Hazards in the work area have been identified and controls put in place.
- Ensure that the level of Direct Contractor Supervision is suitable for the work taking place especially at the start of a new work activity
- Consider the need for an exclusion zone/drop zone for ever activity taking place on site.
- Ensure the Drop Zone is approved by HZI



Every Lesson Learned is an opportunity to avoid recurrences. What have you done to avoid similar incident on your project?

