Case study
VersiRail®

Problem
Collective fall protection solution needed for access to flat membrane roof

Solution
VersiRail® guardrail system

Product Details
Supply of 70m freestanding curved polished VersiRail
Background
The clients’ premises has a typically large industrial roof of varying heights and construction, housing packaging equipment for one of the world’s largest packaging company’s.

Problem
The flat rooftop on the office building, located directly above the reception area, supply’s access to the exterior of the glass atrium which requires regular cleaning and maintenance. From an initial survey undertaken by Latchways, it was found that whilst a parapet wall did exist on the rooftop, it did not meet the required standard of 1.1 m. Therefore the client required a form of collective fall protection that would not only allow access to the rooftop—without having to train personnel—but was also aesthetically pleasing and sympathetic to the membrane roof.

Solution
VersiRail is a non-penetrative guardrail system offering collective fall protection for flat surfaces up to a 10° slope. Available in freestanding or fixed options and with a range of uprights, VersiRail offers an aesthetically pleasing option which is often viewed as an architectural feature. Constructed from aluminium, the system is lightweight and easy to install. VersiRail requires no annual inspection and is tested, and certified, in accordance to EN 13374 and EN 14122-3.

“We need access to the flat roof for a number of general cleaning and maintenance activities. Not knowing the level of experience that some contractors accessing the roof may have, we knew we required a collective fall protection system—therefore the training required would be minimal. We were concerned about what the system would look like, as the roof sits above the reception area at the front of the building, but VersiRail provided a really smart solution. VersiRail was simple to install and we now have a practical solution to fall protection on that rooftop.”

Martin Brown-Goode, OHSEH Manager

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