

Despite the fact that everyone in the construction industry is aware that working at height carries a considerable risk, the necessary safety measures are not always taken to guarantee the safety of workers. Unfortunately on many occasions not even those determined current legislation.

Among the collective safety measures determined by law, the use of **safety nets** stands out. They allow workers to carry out their work with freedom of movement.

However, not only you have to make sure that they have been correctly installed. You also have to carry out **certain maintenance and control tasks** to ensure that they are in perfect conditions for use.

## Basic maintenance of safety nets in construction

Below we go on to detail some basic tips for maintaining safety nets:

1. **Check the netting** to detect possible deterioration, cracks or remains of concrete at the end of the day that may weaken it and reduce its ability to function. This is a fundamental point in the maintenance of safety nets.
2. **Remove all objects that have fallen into the nets.** It is important to proceed with the removal of all construction elements that may have fallen into the nets.
3. Make sure that the **anchors are in perfect condition** and will maintain their function, preventing the net from being accidentally unhooked. In addition, it is necessary to check that these **anchors are not rusted or deformed.**
4. In addition, the **expiration date of the safety net must be verified.** The nets have one year of expiration from the date of manufacture and not from the date they were used for the

first time.

These tips can be summarized in one: **carry out regular inspections on safety nets.** These inspections must be carried out by competent personnel, with adequate knowledge to identify obvious defects and who can have an objective view of the system being inspected.