

The number of temporary edge protection standards can vary by country and region. Different standards organizations may develop their own guidelines.

In Europe we work with the EN 13347 standard, which establishes the requirements, maintenance and test methods for temporary edge protection systems. By following this standard, companies can ensure a safer working environment, meeting legal requirements and protecting their employees from potential falls and slips.

Thereupon, this technical document specifies the requirements and testing methods for temporary edge protection systems used during the construction or maintenance of buildings and other structures.

What is the Temporary Edge Protection Standard EN 13374?

The Temporary Edge Protection Standard applies to edge protection systems for horizontal or inclined surfaces and establishes the requirements for three [classes of temporary edge protection](#).

These systems are essential to ensure the safety of workers operating at heights or in areas where the risk of falling is significant.

## Specific Requirements

The standard details the specifications for edge protection systems with a stopping function, such as falls or slips from a sloped roof. In these cases, precise requirements are established for absorption energy, ensuring that the systems can effectively withstand and stop falls.

## Types of Protection Systems

Thus, the standard includes different types of edge protection systems. Some are fixed directly to the structure, providing a solid and robust barrier. Others are based on weight and friction on horizontal surfaces, allowing for more flexible and adjustable installation according to the specific needs of the project.

## Exclusions from the EN 13374 standard

Moreover, it is important to note that this standard does not cover all types of edge protection. It excludes requirements for systems intended for:

- Protection against impacts from vehicles or mobile equipment.
- Protection against slips from stored materials, snow, etc.
- Protection of areas accessible to the public.

Basically, these exclusions are crucial to understanding the scope and limitations of the standard. The standard ensures that it is used in appropriate contexts and not confused with other types of protection.

### Importance of complying with the standard

Complying with the temporary edge protection standard is not just a matter of following regulations; it is fundamental to the safety and well-being of workers. Properly implementing these edge protection systems can prevent serious accidents, saving lives and avoiding injuries.

At Visornets we manufacture temporary edge protection system, called BesSystem. The **BesSystem** features meet the requirements outlined in the EN 13374 standard for classes A and B. Its easy installation, versatility, and reusability make BesSystem a leading solution in temporary edge protection.