## Method Statement

**Method**
Variety of tasks associated with the erection of steel framework as a phase in the erection of a structure.

**Hazards**
Site activity and conditions; Falls from height, Head, Foot and Handling items.

**Risks**
Falls from height, Head, Foot, Hand injury.

**Population Exposed**
Operative primarily.

**Controls Statutory**
Access - requirements apply to steel erection. Working platforms, ladders etc, should be to the same standard as for other construction processes. Equipment such as hoists and cranes require statutory inspections and operation by competent persons.

**Other Controls**
Survey to include for overhead power lines, access to work area, etc. The works should be carried out to a design plan which includes the detailed sequence for erection. The erection scheme to be detailed in a Method Statement with annotated diagrams, following a logical sequence. Materials received to site should be stored for stability; protection of nibs and brackets (by use of timber battens and packing pieces) and ease of De-stacking. Fabrication at ground level maximised, to limit working at height. Use of elevating platforms and buckets to be considered for safe access. Access along beams above 2m minimised, securely guarded (rails and toe boards), or use of running line or anchorage for harness for top beam (unless over 0.8m wide and fitted with continuous handhold). Beam straddling acceptable, but fall protection to working position required. Feet - site is foot protection zone, safety boots to be worn.

**Consultation**
Above to be discussed at a brief pre-work meeting with employees.

**Documentation**
Method Statement with detailed sequence and annotated drawings.

**Implementation**
Work to be directly managed by competent person, implementing agreed and documented Method Statement.

**Information Instruction**
New employees - induction on company policy and procedures, and for safe working before permitted to work. Briefing on Method Statement before work commences.

**Training**
Supervisor/Competent Person requires training on his statutory responsibilities, project planning, establishment and running of package. Ensure operatives receive basic training on safety in steel erection.

**PPE**
Hard hats and safety boots. Safety nets and belts/harnesses should be used as required.

**Monitoring**
Constant supervision to regularly check arrangements during progress of job.

**Systems Review**
Review regularly to confirm validity of Method Statement.