

WORKING SAFELY AT HEIGHT



From the air, the several hundred metres of Crossgrip safety matting look dramatic on the roof of Ewart House further education building in Oxford. For the building managers, this is their maintenance-free and cost-effective safety system.

The entire flat roof was refurbished by Bracknell Roofing and covered with new single ply membrane. Because continuous access is required across the roof for maintenance purposes, and to reach the roof-top services and plant, designated walkways were required. This means that the risk to personnel is reduced and, importantly for this project, the roof membrane is protected.

Crossgrip matting is one of the most effective and safe all-weather systems available. Building contractor Stephen Fairman is especially keen to use the product. 'Whenever we are involved with flat roofs, gantries or high level walkways, we recommend Crossgrip. The open grid matting is self-draining, easy to lay and very effective. Most importantly, we recommend it to protect the roof covering. That will be traditional asphalt and three-layer felt, of course, but it is also essential for the high performance single ply membranes that are replacing them. Any careless damage and water leaks here can have costly (and ghastly) consequences for the whole building.'



The deeply etched surface of grey PVC Crossgrip provides permanent high slip-resistance and safety, even in the worst weather conditions, and is resistant to bacterial growth. The weight of the matting and its open grid format gives permanent stability underfoot, even in high winds.