

HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT Safety Decking Systems

WHAT HAPPENED

There have been a number of serious incidents throughout the construction industry, involving Safety Decking Systems. The cause of these incident includes the following:

- Damaged components
- Not installed correctly
- Not supported on all four sides

If the Safety Decking is installed correctly and robustly inspected it will be safe to use!

ACTION TO TAKE

WHO NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION: Contracts Managers, SMs/ ASMs, Site Agents and Site Teams

WHAT TO DO

- Ensure that the installers are trained
- Make sure that the site team have been trained to inspect the Safety Decking
- Remind the installers to inspect each component for damage; damaged components must not be used.
- It is imperative that a trained member of the site team inspect the decking on hand over, before first use
- Ensure that the Safety Decking Inspection Register is completed and a copy of the handover certificate is retained.
- The Decking must be re-inspected every 7 days or if any alterations have taken place.
- Remind site operatives not to make any alterations themselves
- Ensure that you read the Safety Decking Standards and have a copy of the manufactures handbook on site.

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