



HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

Working at Height - Scaffolders

WHAT HAPPENED

A trend has been identified by the Group HS&E teams, where scaffolders have been seen working dangerously by:

- Not wearing a harness and clipping on;
- Not installing an advance guard rail; and,
- Not using scaff steps.

Remember, falls from height are the most common reason for workplace serious injury and fatality accidents in the construction industry.

ACTION TO TAKE

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

WHAT TO DO

- Scaffolders must work in compliance with SG4:15 Preventing falls in scaffold operations.
- Only trained scaffolder that have been authorised by the site management are allowed to adapt scaffold.
- Scaffolders must wear a harness and clip onto a strong point, if there is a risk of a fall, additional safety lanyards may be required.
- Only scaffolders are allowed to work with the mid rail and toe board missing, the top rail is known as a scaffolders advanced guard rail.
- Site teams must ensure that all persons are inducted and that copies of the scaffolder's competencies are taken. The scaffolders must ensure that they understand and sign their companies RAMS.
- Site teams and operatives must ensure that the scaffold is kept tidy.
- Any operative found tampering with scaffold must be removed from site!
- The Scaffolders must ensure that they carry out daily visual inspection of their harness and lanyard and that a thorough inspection is carried out and recorded by a competent person every 6 months.

The HS&E team will issue a Zero Score if they observe scaffolders not clipped on, not using scaff steps and no advance guard rail is in place.