



# HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

## Scaffold Ladders

### WHAT HAPPENED

Concerns have been raised about the use of long scaffold ladders for access.

**The practice of ladders from the ground to the top lift of scaffold must cease.**

### ACTION TO TAKE

**WHO NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION:** Contracts Managers, SMs/ ASMs, Site Agents, Site Teams, Scaffolders, and Commercial Departments.

#### WHAT TO DO

To ensure that ladder lengths are kept to a minimum, we must install ladder towers with landing points (See Fig 1). We must also follow NASC guidance that external ladder access is restricted to the first and second lift only (with maximum height of 4.7m, which would be a 2.7m base lift with an additional 2m lift).



Fig 1



Fig 2

We also must ensure that self-closing gates are fitted and that Halos are fitted at the top of the ladder (Fig 2). Ladders must be tied/secured and should extend a minimum of 1 metre above the landing point or working platform. Ladders must not extend excessively above the landing point or working platform.

For more information refer to [Working at Height Standards](#) (Scaffold Section)