



# HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

## Scaffold Designs

### WHAT HAPPENED

The HSE have issued us a Notice of Contravention for scaffold gable edge protection not being erected in accordance a design.

The HSE Inspector also noted that the gable edge protection had supports missing from it, which led to scaffold components swaying in the breeze. This was likely due to an unauthorised adaption or incorrect installation.

### ACTION TO TAKE

**WHO NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION:** Site Management, Scaffolders Contractors and Commercial Department

- The Commercial Department must ensure that each Scaffold Contractor provides a design for gable edge protection and copies of the designs are on site.
- Scaffolders must ensure that all scaffold is erected in accordance to the design, this must also be checked by the site management.
- Scaffold Contractors must issue a handover certificate, which must only be signed by the site management once they have inspected the scaffold.
- All scaffold must be inspected at handover and every 7 days by the site management.
- Inspection findings must be recorded in the Scaffold Inspection Register.
- Weekly inspections must be carried out by the site management; however the scaffold contractors may carry out their own inspections.
- All site operatives must be reminded that they must not tamper or carry out ANY alterations to scaffold, unless they are a trained scaffolder and authorised to do so by the site management.
- Anyone found tampering with scaffold must be issued with an Operative H&S Notice and removed from site.