

Preventing falls from a fixed scaffold

➤ Manager

- 1) Insist on a handover certificate on completion of the scaffold
- 2) Only authorise competent scaffolders to alter scaffold
- 3) Ensure that a regular inspection is carried out
- 4) Have a simple system to ensure signs or tags are used on scaffolds which are incomplete

➤ Worker

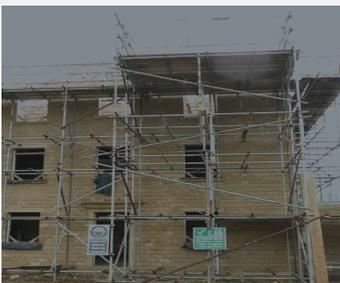
- 1) Be alert to unsafe scaffolds eg missing boards and guardrails and report them
- 2) Look for signs and tags which show the scaffold is safe to use
- 3) Don not move boards or alter the scaffold unless you are competent and authorised to do so
- 4) Always ensure that access ladders are secured properly

➤ Planning - Prioritising decisions and managing risks

1) A correctly installed fixed scaffold provides a good level of collective safety, for all trades to work at height. The main risks are during installation altering of modifying and dismantling. Key points to take into account are:

- 1) Scaffolds must be erected, altered and dismantled by competent, qualified scaffolders
 - 2) Scaffolds should be inspected at least once a week, and after alteration by a competent person
 - 3) Anticipate and prepare for all the users of a scaffold throughout the project.
- 2) Ensure that workers on your site know and understand the system for maintaining safe scaffolds, and identifying incomplete scaffolds.

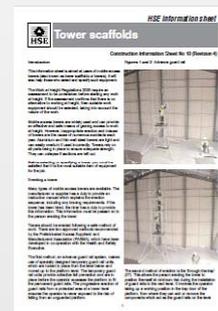
➤ Links



HSE guidance online
<http://hse.gov.uk/construction/safetytopics/scaffoldinginfo.htm>



For information on training and qualifications for scaffolders see the CISRS website:
<http://www.cisrs.org.uk>



Tower Scaffolds Guidance online from HSE
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/cis10.pdf>

➤ Record your Site Briefing Here

Who has been briefed

I confirm that I have briefed these people on the Key points of the HSE Step3 guidance note on behaviours that can prevent accidents

Signed off by _____

➤ Concerns Raised At The Briefing

➤ Changes implemented or actions planned

➤ SLAM

STOP work if you find yourself in danger - this is your right in Law

Look around you before taking any action, is anybody else at risk

Assess the situation, take a few minutes to think through the actions you should take to put things right

Manage the risks as the job goes on, anticipate and control risk before the problem emerges