



## TG20:05 UPDATE

In light of recent advice Allied's position on standard independent scaffolds is:

1. Erect to BS5973.
2. Tie & Brace in accordance with BS EN12811.

Further details on what this means for you will be provided via Toolbox Talks.

**The revised TG20:05 will be published before the end of 2006.**

## MASTERPLANK SCAFFOLDING BOARDS: LVL

We have invested in new types of scaffold boards known as LVL Board.



### WHY?

1. Don't Warp.
2. Last up to 5 times longer than standard boards.
3. Don't split—No weak points.

### BUT!

You must ensure that they are looked after by:

1. Not cutting boards. If you need to cut boards use standard boards
2. Not dropping them.
3. Not allowing other trades to use.

**NOTE: Size = 4m x 225mm x 32mm**

i.e. the same size as a scaffold board.

## SCAFFOLDER GETS A SHOCK

In May this year a scaffolder working for one of the member companies of the NASC had a nasty shock when a HSE inspector told him that he was serving him as an **individual** with a **Prohibition notice**.

He was told to report to the HSE office the next day and was advised to bring legal representation!

The inspector was visiting a construction site on his patch when the scaffolder was seen to be working unsafely.

The Prohibition Notice served on the scaffolder stated the reasons as:

*“for work carried out and controlled by you, involving a risk of serious injury from being liable to fall from unprotected edges or through unprotected openings, not following a safe system of work and contravening section 7 of the Health & Safety at Work Etc Act 1974 and the Work at Height Regulations 2005 Regulations 6 (3) and 14 (2) because you have not taken suitable and sufficient steps e.g. fall protection such as guardrails or fall mitigation such as wearing a harness and lanyard to prevent you falling a distance likely to cause personal injury”*

The notice prevents HIM from working unsafely on site. **Failure to comply with the notice which is kept on file for 3 years is a criminal offence and carries a maximum 2 year prison sentence and unlimited fine.**

## LADDERS & HATCHES

All yard operatives must ensure that ladder hatches are sent out with ladders. All site operatives must ensure the hatches are used. These comply with the Work @ Height Regs.

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### MOBILE DEVICES



Mobile devices have been issued to the management team in order to improve manageability on site and provide greater levels of flexibility and service to the client.

They provide access to emails, and links the Athena Management System to management whilst out of the office.

### STEP UP DEVICES TRIAL SUCCESS

The step up devices will be Allied's standard practice and needs to be sent out on a bed and returned to the yard.



### ALLIED SCAFFOLDING BANNERS

Could all staff ensure that all scaffolds are completed with Allied Banners & Advertising.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO LAURA & PAUL ON THE BIRTH OF BABY BETHANY.



We look forward to having Laura back with us once her maternity leave has finished.

## HOW TO ERECT ROOF EDGE PROTECTION SAFELY

A potentially **dangerous event** took place on one of our sites recently due to the unsafe erection of roof edge protection by Allied Operatives.

The roof edge protection was poorly erected and caused a potential risk to anyone working within the supposedly protected area.



Whilst the Scaffolding Industry is waiting for the new Technical Guidance Notes for roof edge protection to be published, Allied must remind all of its operatives of the current best practice.

If best practice cannot be followed design advice must be sought.

Contact your line manager should this happen.

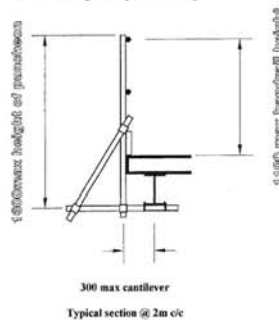
## ALLIED ROOF EDGE PROTECTION BEST PRACTICE

All scaffolding operations undertaken less than 2 meters from a leading edge will be classified as roof edge protection.

The installation and dismantle of all roof edge protection should only be carried out using MEWPS or Scissor Lifts, which must only be operated by IPAF qualified operatives.

The Allied management team will undertake a site survey before works commence and a suitable risk assessment and method statement will be prepared for you to follow.

Note: This TGD does not give guidance on erection or dismantle safe method of work. Further advice should be sought from your line manager



(Allied Best Practice Diagram)

Needles must be fixed to the steel beam by no less than 2 steel ties per needle .

Puncheons will be fixed no further than 3 meters apart and should also be spurred back to the needle if the top rail is to exceed 1600 from the needle.

**If you are ever in doubt contact your supervisor.**

## WELL DONE TO TWO OF OUR APPRENTICES

Well done to **Mathew Bunn** and **Vinnie Connor** on completing their scaffold apprenticeships. They and are now fully qualified N.V.Q Level 2 Basic scaffolders.

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## WORKING ABOVE OTHER TRADES OR THE PUBLIC

It is the responsibility of every scaffolder, chargehand and foreman to ensure that the areas below where they are working is clear from other trades, or members of the public.

If anyone is below the working platform then the operatives must immediately stop or wait to start until the area has been made clear.

Areas below where the scaffolding is being erected should be cordoned off and suitable signage should be in place e.g. "Men Working Above".

Protection of the public and others at all times is our number one priority. This is mandatory and should be part of your everyday assessment of the workplace.

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

Just to inform all staff of the holiday periods over Christmas;

### **Operatives:**

Holidays Begin: 22/12/2006  
Return to Work: 08/01/2007

### **Office Staff:**

Holidays Begin: 22/12/2006  
Return to Work: 02/01/2007

**Have a Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year!**

## NEWS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

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