

Allied Scaffolding Newsletter

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Use Of Goods Hoists

Following a recent serious incident on a site in Manchester where scaffold tubes fell from a goods hoist, we need to issue you with instruction as to the rules regarding the use of hoists for raising and lowering materials.

Operation of a hoist

Under no circumstances are you to operate a goods hoist without specific training. Allied cannot provide this training, as it is a specialist area.

On certain jobs where we need to use the hoist, always ensure that the client has a competent and trained hoist operator available. If at any time the hoist operator is not available, e.g. at the weekend, then the hoist must not be used.

Loading of a hoist

The method of loading adopted when the near miss occurred was far from being adequate or safe. Allied are working together with Safety and Access Limited to put together general guidance on the

loading of hoists with scaffold materials and, until you are trained in the safe loading of a hoist, you must not load the hoist.

We are planning to train you in this guidance within the next two months.

If you have any queries regarding the loading or use of hoists, please contact Mark Crowther, Bill Fruin or Paul Smith.



Accident Statistics in 2004

We have included in this news letter the Allied accident statistics for 2004. You will note that major areas for concern, where there have been a number of accidents are slips, trips and falls and manual handling.

We would ask you to be extra vigilant this year in these areas. Please make sure that your work area

is free of debris and talk to the client or to your supervisor if you feel that your working area is unsafe.

Please be extra vigilant with regard to young trainees and inexperienced operatives, who undertake a significant portion of manual handling work. Please ensure that they do not try to do too much lifting of heavy materials.

We appreciate your efforts in keeping Allied a safe company to work for.

Statistics for 2004

- 1 Work Equipment Injury**
- 6 Slips, trips and falls (at same level)**
- 5 Manual handling injuries**

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Web Site is launched

Allied's web site address is:

www.alliedscaffolding.co.uk.

If you have any comments regarding the website and its content, please contact Laura Brandon on 0161 633 0425.

ISO Accreditation

Dr Murphy of U.R.S. will be carrying out an audit against our compliance with the ISO Systems for Quality, Safety and the Environment (as outlined in our General Policy Statement, and Tool Box Talk No. 28).

During the audit, which will take place on 31st March and 1st April 2005, Dr Murphy may visit site and speak to you. Please give every assistance that you can.

In the Next Issue

We will be giving you more information on the new Work at Height Regs, and the new Wind Codes.

If you would like something included (charity events or points of interest) please contact Laura.

