



Talk No. 9		Scaffolding	
Start time		End	Duration

1. **Introduction:**

- 1.1 Falls of both persons and scaffolding are a major cause of accidents in the construction industry. In some cases the scaffold itself falls! All are preventable.

2. **Main Points:**

- 2.1 Scaffolding must be erected to requirements including loads, platforms, safe passage etc.
- 2.2 Scaffolding should be erected, altered and dismantled by, or under the supervision of a competent person.
- 2.3 Scaffolding must be the responsibility of all employees. Do not tamper with or report any faults or concerns immediately.

3. **Points to remember**

- 3.1 Safe access/egress must be provided. These must be sufficiently beyond platforms for safe mounting/dismounting and employees be climbing scaffold.
- 3.2 Scaffold platforms must be erected where practicable, and should be 600mm in width.
- 3.3 Where stores are stored on platforms then consider load weights. Do not stack materials too high, and ensure 600mm passage between bays.
- 3.4 Over 2m in height immediate guard-rails and toe-boards are required.
- 3.5 Where guard-rails are damaged during loading they must be replaced immediately — consider bays.
- 3.6 Scaffolding must be inspected by a competent person. On no account remove ties — get a scaffolder to do it.
- 3.7 Do not use incomplete scaffolding — report it and get it signposted, prohibiting use.

Notes

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ATTENTION SHEET

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All operatives **listed and signed** below

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NAME