



# Safety Alert

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## FORMWORK STRIPPING

### **DEFINITION**

#### ***Safe Stripping...***

of formwork and false-work involves the sequenced lowering of support screw jacks and props allowing form plywood to be lowered loose and lowered to floor level for removal to safe storage. Plywood, bearers and screw jacks must be carefully lowered in accordance with Regulation (1)(a,b,c) of the Occupational Health, Safety Regulations 1996 and must not be dropped.

#### ***Unsafe Drop Stripping***

Of formwork and false-work is defined as the practice of removing the majority of screw jacks and props with the intent of pulling or knocking out the remaining supports, causing the formwork or false-work to collapse. This action is clearly in breach of Regulation 3.81 (2) of the Occupational Health, Safety Regulations 1996. The dropping of this material is clearly in breach of Regulations and must not be done.

Proper tools in the form of claw hammer, pinch bar and cold chisel are to be used. Props are only to be used for the purpose for which they are designed, e.g. as adjustable props, not as levers.

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