

BACKGROUND:

A contractor has fallen from a mobile scaffold in the process of climbing down from the working deck.

He was climbing down the outside of the scaffold, as a ladder access was not provided, when he has lost his footing and has fallen backwards landing on a concrete slab, narrowly missing pipe work.

Fortunately he only sustained bruising to his back. No bones were broken in the fall.



Scaffold not erected in accordance with Australian Standards

- No ladder access
- No kickboards
- Insufficient handrails



Area where the worker landed narrowly missing pipe work

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ensure that:

- All scaffolds on site are erected to meet Australian Standard(AS1576 parts 1-6)
- Persons erecting scaffold have undergone the appropriate level of training.
- All mobile scaffold kits that are brought onto site have the required number of components to ensure they meet Australian Standards e.g. sufficient number of ledgers to provide a top and mid rail for edge protection and kickboards, if working deck is to be 2 meters and above.
- Erection guides to be provided along with all mobile scaffold kits.
- Any scaffold that does not meet the required standard is not to be used

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