



Safety Alert

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Scaffold board failure

A worker on the top deck of scaffolding at a project in East Perth fell when a plank on which he was standing failed, causing his leg to fall through the scaffold.

The entire scaffold on the project was inspected and approximately 10%-15% of the steel boards were affected by corrosion or other defects. The defective boards were sprayed with fluorescent paint and removed from service by the scaffolders.

STEEL SCAFFOLD BOARD REQUIREMENTS

- a) All scaffold boards must comply with Australian Standards 1576 Part 1, AS1577, and AS4576.
- b) Boards should not be used or replaced if they have missing end caps or reinforcing straps.
- c) Boards affected by corrosion, cracked welds, or crushed or damaged sides should not be used or removed from service

The scaffold supplier has been corresponding and co-operating with the union, and has in place procedures which include inspecting and pressure cleaning all steel boards which leave the yard.

For further information contact CFMEU Safety Officer Mick Buchan On 9221 1055 or 0419812861



Failed steel board

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