

SAFETY FIRST:

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. In accordance with Health and Safety in Employment Act requirements, this sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for use at a commercial worksite so that the information is available to all users.

Required Safety Equipment



Hard Hat



Gloves



Boots



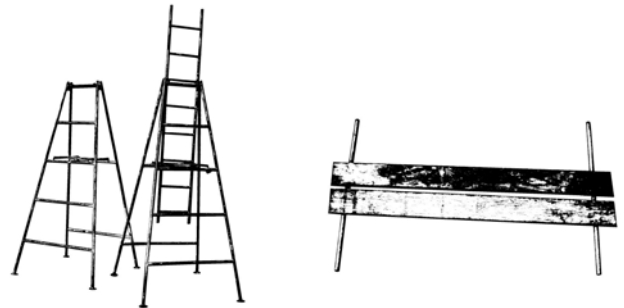
Harness



Certification



Visual Inspection



Pre Checks and Safety

Warning: Trestles and Planks come under the scaffold legislation which a scaffold is any temporary work platform to support workers and materials

- ! Anything over 5 metres may only be erected, altered or dismantled by a person who holds an appropriate "Certificate Of Competency" issued under the scaffold regulations in that type/class of scaffold
- ! Employers must have notified OSH if a fall of over 5 metres can occur from a work platform
- ! Your life is at stake! Before you use any trestles and planks, always check the foundation, access, etc!
- ! Beware of overhead power lines (minimum of 4 metres clearance) and call your local electricity supplier if you need power turned off
- ! Beware of high wind conditions
- ! Do not adjust or move the structure with personnel or materials on it
- ! Always stay within the SWL (safe working load) at all times
- ! Timber planks of 3.0m in length should have a maximum span of 2.4m and a total evenly distributed SWL of 175kg, the concentrated load (in one position) is 90kg

Guidelines

If the working platform (plank) is 3.0 metres or more above the ground then it is classified as a scaffold, it then must follow the following specifications;

Foundation

Must be firm, rigid and not subject to setting
Base plates are advised to be used if working on softer ground but should be at least 500mm long, 200mm wide and 38mm thick

Access

Must be permanent or temporary stairs
Ladder (4:1 pitch and secured)
Walkways must be 675mm wide but maintaining 450mm clearance for non proprietary scaffolds
Never climb the scaffold structure and maintain good house keeping at all times

Platforms

Above 3.0m in height must have safety guardrails Must be three planks wide or 675mm wide for non proprietary scaffolds
A working platform should be as close as practicable to the work face without inside guardrails
Plank ends must be over hanging by 80mm – 220mm
All planks must be secured against uplift and horizontal displacement

Guardrails

Height must be 900mm – 1100mm
Toe boards must be a minimum of 225mm above the work platform, or be at least 150mm above the material stored on the platform
Must have mid rails midway between the platform and the guardrail at all times