

TOOLBOX TALK #19

System Scaffolds

NOTES

Q: If other contractors have been using your system scaffold whilst you have been away what should you do before using the scaffold?

Q: What would you do if you need a guardrail temporarily removed?

Features common with other scaffolds

- Must be erected, adapted and inspected by a competent person.
- All inspections must be recorded and a copy of the inspection report kept on site.
- Must be on a firm base and stable with erected
- Working platforms must have guardrails and toe boards.
- All joints, whatever their design, must be secure when locked in place.
- All components must be in good condition
- Working platforms must not be overloaded and must be wide enough for the work in hand.
- Must have sufficient ties
- Must have a safe method of access to all working platforms.

Q. What is often used to indicate that inspections are being carried out?

Q: what would you do if you became aware that a scaffold on which you were working had not been inspected in the last 7 days?

Do you have any questions for me?

Questions for you

Sources: [Scaffolds - HSE](#) [Tower scaffolds - HSE](#) [Preventing unauthorised access onto scaffolding and other work platforms - HSE](#)

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