

Toolbox Talk

Scaffold Towers (Mobile)



What?

- Mobile scaffold towers are widely used throughout industry and provide an effective and safe means of gaining access to work at height
- Towers rely on all parts being in place to ensure adequate strength, they can collapse if sections are left out
- They also provide a secure and safe place of work at height without the need for additional precautions



Why?

- People may choose the wrong equipment when working at height and fall off resulting in serious and sometimes fatal injury
- When selecting the correct equipment for the task consideration must be given to how the work will be done
- If the work requires using both hands scaffold towers should be used rather than ladders since ladders are primarily for access or short duration work involving single-handed tasks
- Ladders or other objects must not be placed on scaffolds to increase height

Do



- ✓ Ensure towers are erected by competent trained personal
- ✓ Check the tower is level and stable before working on it
- ✓ Ensure that all wheels are locked
- ✓ Check no one is on the tower when moving it
- ✓ Make sure the “free standing” height is not more than the smallest base dimensions
- ✓ Check that the ladder system has been properly installed and checked
- ✓ Check the working platform covers the full width of the tower
- ✓ Report any damage immediately



Don't



- ✗ Move a tower with people, materials and equipment on the work platform
- ✗ Climb the outside structure of a tower
- ✗ Try to mix parts from different types of tower
- ✗ Remove parts unless authorised
- ✗ Step above the platform height
- ✗ Place ladders on the platform

