

HSEM ALERT

Unsafe Mobile Scaffold

Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Staff and Contractors

Background

A contractor was engaged to perform maintenance on the exterior of building 200b. This required working at heights through the use of a mobile scaffold.

Investigation Results

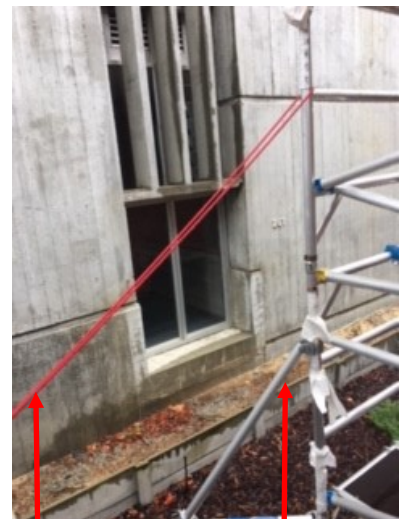
- The scaffold was not erected as per legislative requirements:
- No permits were in place for working at heights prior to erecting scaffold



No supporting sole boards were placed under the wheels of the scaffold



Scaffold footings were not properly supported (loose bricks on fibre board used)



Fibre rope was used to secure the scaffold



Outriggers were only used on one side of the scaffold



Recommendations

- All scaffolds to be erected in strict accordance with the relevant requirements of AS/NZS 1576 Parts 1 to 6. Refer Occupational Safety & Health Regulations 1996 – Reg3.67 (1).
- Scaffolds shall only be erected or dismantled by person(s) that have been deemed competent and hold the appropriate classification of high risk work (HRW) License.
- Site specific JSA to be completed prior to conducting any type of high risk work (HRW) activity or operation.

Who do we call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Health, Safety and Emergency Management on 9266 4900 or email healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au.

References

[Occupational Safety & Health Regulations 1996](#) – Reg3.67 (1).

Code of Practice - [Prevention of Falls at the Workplace](#) 2004

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