

Tube and Fitting Scaffold Structures

There are several reasons why a scaffold structure might collapse, including poor construction, unauthorised adaptations, poor ground conditions, overloading etc. With collapse brings the risk of injury, but certainly damage to property or equipment, from which may ensue an insurance claim, or even enforcement action from the authorities. There will also be financial implications.

Sometimes insurance claims get complicated and can result in applications contested due to a simple policy clause which often requires handover certification; even though many argue such certification is not a condition of health and safety law. Contract law (to which this alludes) plays a bigger part in health and safety than some may think.

The Work at Height Regulations is where you will find statutory requirement relating to planning and inspection and the need to ensure those inspections are carried out by a competent person. The Health and Safety Executive say that a non-scaffolder who has attended a scaffold inspection course and has relative knowledge and experience e.g., a site manager could be deemed competent to inspect a basic scaffold structure.

The National Access & Scaffolding Confederation (NASC) have produced TG20 (Technical Guidance 20) which provides guidance for scaffolding constructed from tube and fittings which aligns with EN 12811-1 Scaffold Access and Working Platforms and the requirement within the Work at Height Regulations (Schedule 3 Part 2).

Our one-day scaffold course considers the aspects in TG20 together with our vast experience in scaffold, and general health and safety inspections, which combined with our interactive teaching methods used for this course, help to provide a comprehensive approach to the learning and can only serve to improve knowledge, offering opportunity for continual improvement to management systems.



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