

OPERATIONS

SCAFFOLD SAFETY

Fixed Scaffold

Is the scaffold safe?
What to look out for:

Toeboards are in place on all 4 sides (internal and external)

Platform hatches/trap doors should be closed

Guardrail at 1 metre and midrail 0.5 metre above deck on all exposed sides

Ladder needs to be secured in 2 places and gate is self closing and closed. Gate is locked when scaffold is not in use

Bracing installed

Soleboards are on a firm foundation and level. Base plates are placed in the centre of the soleboards

Scaffold tag needs to be in place and signed off weekly by the contractor who erected the scaffold.

Exclusion zones are required if scaffold is installed for up to 24 hours. Cones and retractable bars or folding fences are sufficient, if the scaffold is under supervision.

If the scaffold is going to be left unattended overnight or be in use for more than 24 hours, access to the scaffold must be restricted. Access must be restricted by using a solid fence or retracting the scaffold ladder.