



Subject: Tower Scaffolds

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Scaffold towers must be constructed to the same standard as any other scaffolding. Inspect the tower before use.

If you are erecting a tower, you must be trained to do so.

Working platforms must be fully boarded out. Where the risk assessment requires they must be provided with guard-rails and toe boards. The towers must be braced.

Mobile towers must not be used unless the wheels are provided with brakes. These must be applied before the tower is used. The wheels must be firmly fixed to the towers.

Mobile towers should be erected so that the height of the platform above the ground is no more than three times the smaller base dimension. If the tower is used indoors, the platform may be 3.5 times the smaller base dimension above the ground.

The access to the tower must be suitable, e.g. ladders must be securely fixed.

A mobile scaffold tower must not be moved whilst persons or materials are still on the tower.

Towers should be erected and dismantled in a careful and orderly manner in order to prevent damage to the component parts, e.g. do not use lump hammers to hammer braces into position.

If a tower appears to be unsafe, do not use it but report it to your supervisor.

REMEMBER:

EXTERNAL USE MOBILE

Ratio = Least Base x 3 = Height Ext.

INTERNAL USE MOBILE

Ratio = Least Base x 3.5 = Height Int.

NEVER USE LADDERS / STEPS / TOOL BOXES etc TO GAIN EXTRA HEIGHT.



