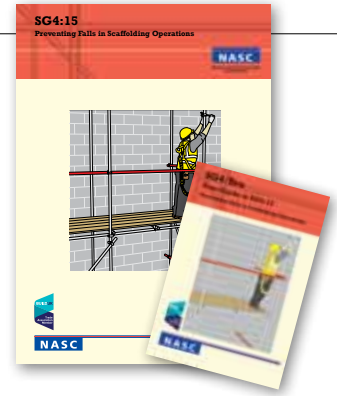


Fall prevention guide: NASC updates SG4:15

The NASC is pleased to announce the latest edition of the flagship safety guidance note SG4 - 'Preventing falls in Scaffolding Operations'



Since its inception almost 20 years ago, SG4 has stood the test of time and developed to become the established performance standard for the protection of scaffolders working at height. This popular publication is widely accepted by HSE, Principal Contractors, client organisations and other stakeholders across all sectors of industry, both nationally and internationally.

SG4 continues to focus on the current preventative and protective measures which represent good practice, such as methods for creating the Scaffolders' Safe Zone. The new title, 'Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations' reflects the focus of the guidance to protect scaffolders working at height during erection, alteration and dismantling operations, which formed the fundamental objective of the working party.

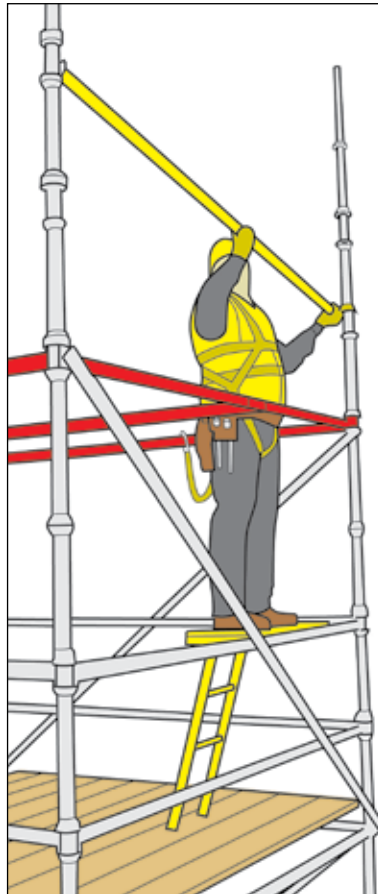
WHAT'S NEW IN SG4:15?

Although many of the principles of SG4 remain unchanged from the previous edition, the latest revision has broadened in scope to reflect the significantly increased number of TG20 compliant scaffolds, changes to current good practice and scaffolding industry innovations.

THESE INCLUDE:

- ✓ Erecting floor height lifts
- ✓ Bridging with beams
- ✓ Loading bay gate installation
- ✓ Cantilever scaffolding
- ✓ Chimney stack scaffolding
- ✓ New personal fall protection equipment

This revision reinforces our commitment to our membership to ensure the guidance remains current and it has been revised to reflect the needs of the scaffolding industry as a whole and to form the basis for continual improvement in scaffolding safety.



Work at height is by far the biggest risk faced by scaffolders and adhering to the principles within the guidance will not only serve to offer continual improvement in accident prevention, but also to assist users to meet their legal obligations in relation to work at height.

As with previous versions, this guidance is again supported by a user guide, (SG4:YOU) to provide essential information to scaffolders in a user-friendly format. Additional supporting information for employers will be available via the NASC website (www.nasc.org.uk). ■

"SG4 Works! The NASC accident statistics speak for themselves and in light of these, this revision has been more of a fine-tuning exercise rather than trying to reinvent the wheel..."

Kevin Ward, NASC Immediate Past President