



Safety Instructions for Suspended and Mobile Scaffolding

Building management is responsible to make sure that Suspended Scaffolds, Escalators and Elevators are inspected by third party inspection body approved by Dubai Accreditation Department, Dubai Municipality.

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General Information:

- ▶ Do not use any types of scaffolding in case of bad weather condition.
- ▶ Barricade the scaffolding working area to prevent public access.
- ▶ Using signs and signals is compulsory around the work area.
- ▶ Use flashing / warning light during night shift.
- ▶ Employer must provide appropriate PPE for his employees.
- ▶ Fall arresting system must be anchored by independent life line or by fixed adjacent structure.

Tips for safe use of suspended scaffolding:

- ▶ Check the equipment prior to commence the work.
- ▶ Proper supervision is required.
- ▶ Any damaged or weakened component of a scaffold must be repaired or replaced immediately.
- ▶ The platform of suspended scaffold must be surrounded with standard guardrail and toe board.
- ▶ Ropes capable of supporting at least six (6) times the rated load must be used to suspend two-point suspension scaffolds. All other components must be capable of supporting at least four (4) times the rates load.
- ▶ Building management is responsible to ensure that suspended scaffold (cradle) is inspected every 6 months by inspection body approved by DAC, DM.

- ▶ All suspended scaffolding (cradle) operators shall be trained and examined every 12 months by an approved and accredited inspection body, and relevant certificates shall be issued.

Tips for safe use of mobile scaffolding:

- ▶ Mobile scaffolding must be used, design and inspected by the competent person.
- ▶ Do not move mobile scaffolding erected horizontally with people on the platform of work.
- ▶ Make sure the tower is resting on firm, level ground with the locked castors or base plates properly supported.
- ▶ Never use a tower:
 - ✓ With broken or missing parts.
 - ✓ With incompatible components.
- ▶ When moving a tower:
 - ✓ Check that there are no power lines or other obstructions overhead.
 - ✓ Check that the ground is firm, level and free from potholes.
 - ✓ Push or pull using manual effort from the base only- never use powered vehicles.
- ▶ There must be a safe way to get to and from the work platform. This must be on the inside of the tower by an appropriately designed built-in ladder.
- ▶ Always follow all Dubai Municipality code of construction safety practice regarding the use of scaffolding.