

Health and Safety Policy

At DBS, we work hard to meet our Company's own strict Health and Safety standards which conform to all aspects of the Health and Safety regulations in place within our industry at present.

We operate and adopt a strict Health and Safety Policy Document which in turn is managed by a similar documented policy.

It is DBS Scaffolding's policy that our operations are executed at all times in such a way as to ensure, so far as is reasonably practical, the health, safety and welfare of all its employees, and all other sub-contractors and the public, and to provide the necessary training and information to carry out the Policy Document.

Our Policy Document requires and expects all levels of management supervision and all operatives to actively initiate and pursue ways and means of making the working environment as safe and healthy as possible. It is the responsibility of ALL employees from Directors to Operatives to comply with their legal, moral and company safety obligations. All Health and Safety matters on site are monitored, reviewed and managed by all levels of management and our Safety Consultants.



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1. General access scaffolding

This is used primarily on work under the control of Oxford University Estates Directorate (OUED), but some is used via contracts placed by departments. OUED keeps a list of approved contract erection companies appearing on the list may be used to erect scaffolding. Departments wishing to have scaffolding erected on their behalf must ensure that the erection company concerned is on the OUED's current list.

- (a) Scaffolding must be inspected by a competent person:
- (i) before it is put into use;
 - (ii) at seven day intervals until it is dismantled;
 - (iii) after bad or excessively dry weather or high winds or another event likely to have effected its strength or stability;
 - (iv) after any substantial additions or other alterations.

A written report must be prepared by the competent person. The report must utilize the format laid down in the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1986. The report will normally be written out at the time of the inspection but must be provided within twenty-four hours.

A copy of the report must be kept on site in an appropriate place e.g. the departmental administrators office or with another named person. A further copy must be retained for a period of three months from the completion of the work in the office of the person on whose behalf the inspection was carried out.

The OUED or any department placing a contract for scaffolding work must ensure that inspections will be carried out and that appropriate inspection reports are available for viewing by the Safety Office or external inspectors.

- (b) A holder of the CITB Advanced Scaffold Inspection Certificate or equivalent will be accepted as being competent to carry out general access scaffolding inspections. Written proof of the competence of persons used to inspect scaffolding must be obtained by the person placing the contract for the inspection work. Departments arranging for scaffolding inspections are recommended to contact the OUED.

- (c) In the event that a scaffolding falls inspection this must be verbally reported to the person responsible for placing the original contracts as soon possible by the person carrying out the re-inspection carried out by the competent person before the scaffolding can be put into use, or further use.

- (d) Where scaffolding is erected in an area accessible generally to members of the University and the general public the following should apply:

- (i) the minimum amount of equipment and materials should be stored on the scaffold;
- (ii) persons should be prevented from walking under or near the scaffold by means of physical barriers (not tape);

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