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TOOL BOX TALK	No. 34
ASBESTOS AWARENESS	

MUST COMPLY WITH:
THE CONTROL OF ASBESTOS AT WORK REGULATIONS 2006

WHERE ASBESTOS IS IDENTIFIED IT MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY AND LABELLED AND AN APPROPRIATE COLOUR CODING SYSTEM OR SIMILAR SYSTEM APPLIED

ALWAYS LIMIT PEOPLE ON SITE TO LOWEST LEVELS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE UNTIL ASBESTOS IS REMOVED

THOSE CONTRACTORS WORKING ON SITE SHOULD WORK OUTWITH THE ASBESTOS REMOVAL PROCESS AS FAR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE.

THE ASBESTOS REMOVAL PROCESS MUST BE ENCLOSED AS FAR AS IT IS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE

IF ACHIEVABLE PHYSICAL, SEPARATION BARRIERS MUST BE INSTALLED TO SEPARATE PEOPLE FROM ASBESTOS REMOVAL PROCESS.

CONTRACTORS ON SITE MUST BE MADE AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS.

ONLY A LICENSED ASBESTOS CONTRACTOR MUST CARRY OUT THE REMOVAL WORK.

AIRBOURNE ASBESTOS FIBRES MUST BE LIMITED TO LOWEST LEVELS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE BY WETTING AND APPROPRIATE REMOVAL TECHNIQUE.

EXTERNAL ASBESTOS MUST BE REMOVED DURING CALM WEATHER CONDITIONS.

POST CLEAN UP PROCESS AFTER EACH WORK PERIOD MUST INCLUDE THE USE OF A VACUUM CLEANER, WHICH COMPLIES WITH BS5415.

PPE & RPE MUST BE WORN AND MUST COMPLY WITH PPE REGULATIONS 1992. RPE TO BE SUBJECT TO REGULAR TESTING AND INSPECTION BY A COMPETENT PERSON

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WORKING AT HEIGHT	

WORKING AT HEIGHT REGULATIONS 2005

1 SLIPS AND FALLS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY, LOSS OF WORK OR EVEN DEATH.

IF WORKING AT A HEIGHT WITH AN UNRESTRICTED FALL A FULL BODY SAFETY HARNESS MUST BE WORN WITH THE LIFELINE ATTACHED TO A SUITABLE ANCHORAGE POINT.

2 ACCIDENTS AT HEIGHTS ARE CAUSED BY:

(A) LACK OF TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE;
(B) CARELESSNESS OR OVER-CONFIDENCE;
(C) FOOLING AROUND, HORSEPLAY;
(D) WORKING WHEN TIRED;
(E) FAILURE TO CHECK EQUIPMENT;
(F) IMPROPER USE OF EQUIPMENT.

3 WHEN WORKING FROM A CHERRYPICKER, SCISSOR LIFT OR CRADLE ETC. A SAFETY HARNESS MUST BE WORN BY ALL PERSONNEL WITHIN THE CAGE. THE LANYARD MUST BE FIXED TO A SUITABLE ANCHOR POINT AT ALL TIMES. AN INSPECTION REGISTER SHOULD BE KEPT FOR ALL PLANT ITEMS.

4 ALWAYS WORK WITHIN THE GUARDED AREA. DO NOT LEAN OUT THROUGH BARRIERS OR RAILS TO ATTEMPT TO REACH FOR SOMETHING.

5 ALWAYS ASSESS THE SITUATION FROM GROUND LEVEL BEFORE ASCENDING.

(A) ALWAYS CHECK CONTROLS OF A MECHANICAL LIFT BEFORE LEAVING GROUND.
(B) CHECK AREA WHERE WORK IS TO TAKE PLACE.
(C) ARE THERE ANY OBSTRUCTIONS?
(D) ARE WE USING THE CORRECT PLATFORM FOR THE WORK INVOLVED?

NO PERSONNEL WILL OPERATE ANY MECHANICAL LIFT WITHOUT THE CORRECT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.

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LADDERS	

LADDERS MUST ONLY BE USED FOR SHORT DURATION WORK
ALWAYS USE A WORK PLATFORM

LADDERS USED INCORRECTLY FEATURE HIGHLY IN THE CAUSE OF THESE FALLS.

1 USE CLEAR VARNISH TO PROTECT A LADDER, PAINT MAY COVER A DEFECT.

2 NEVER USE AN UNSOUND LADDER, REPORT ANY DAMAGE TO YOUR FOREMAN.

3 BE SURE THE LADDER IS SET ON A FIRM LEVEL BASE.

4 HAVE A MAN AT THE FOOT AND SECURE AT THE TOP.

5 MAKE CERTAIN THE LADDER REACHES AT LEAST 3’ 6” ABOVE LANDING PLATFORM.

6 THE CORRECT PITCH OF LADDER IS 1FT OUT AT THE BASE FOR EVERY 4FT OF THE LADDER.

7 USE THE RIGHT LENGTH LADDER FOR THE JOB. NEVER LASH TWO SHORT LADDERS TO MAKE A LONGER ONE.

8 DO NOT CARRY EXCESSIVE LOADS ON LADDERS. USE A HOIST LINE.

9 DO NOT LEAN SIDEWAYS FROM A LADDER IT’S SAFER TO MOVE THE LADDER.

10 FACE THE LADDER WHEN CLIMBING OR DESCENDING.

11 BEWARE OF WET, GREASY AND ICY RUNGS.

12 INSPECT LADDERS BEFORE USE AND REGULARLY WHEN STORED.

13 ALL LADDERS SHOULD BE INSPECTED AND TAGGED.

14 A REGISTER WITH THIS INFORMATION MUST BE KEPT.

15 USE THREE POINT CONTACT.

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TOOL BOX TALK	No. 15
EQUIPMENT DAMAGE - SCAFFOLDING	

A RECENT SAFETY BULLETIN FEATURED AN ARTICLE ABOUT AN INCIDENT IN WHICH A SCAFFOLD HAD BEEN STRUCK AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY AN UNKNOWN VEHICLE, THE DRIVER FAILED TO REPORT THE INCIDENT.

A SIMILAR INCIDENT HAS JUST OCCURRED ON A NEARBY SITE WHERE THE FAILURE TO REPORT THE OCCURRENCE COULD HAVE HAD SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR SCAFFOLD USERS IF A CONTRACTORS SCAFFOLD INSPECTOR NOT SPOTTED AND REPORTED THE DEFECT.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL ACCIDENTS (INJURIES, EQUIPMENT DAMAGE, OR NEAR MISSES ARE REPORTED).

PLEASE BE ALERT TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS

- KEEP VEHICLES CLEAR OF SCAFFOLDING WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
- ALWAYS BE VIGILANT WHEN MANOEUVRING VEHICLES.
- IN CONFINED AREAS ASK FOR ASSISTANCE TO GUIDE YOU.
- WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF USERS OF DAMAGED SCAFFOLDING.
- PUNISHMENT IS NOT THE AIM OF REPORTING BUT ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF SUCH INCIDENTS TO ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.
- IMPROPER VEHICULAR PROTECTION FOR SCAFFOLDING.

WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN SUCH INCIDENTS OCCUR

1. NOTIFY SCAFFOLD CONTRACTOR.
2. REMOVE GREEN SCAFF TAGS.
3. REPORT INCIDENT TO SAFETY DEPARTMENT.
4. RAISE NEAR-MISS REPORT.

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