



Safety Advice 08-2012 (March)(NZ)

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Date of event: 22 / 03 / 2012

Scaffold Tube Failure

Summary of Incident:

HSSE 19147 – High Potential Near Hit

A scaffold contractor was installing a piece of scaffold tube at the top of a section of scaffolding when the tube he was attached to (via safety harness and lanyard), broke as he leant back to step down.

As he started to fall backwards, he was grabbed by a co worker, preventing him from falling. The scaffolder was approximately 22 metres off the ground, as shown in photo below.



Scaffold depicting position of scaffolder at time of incident



Photo of the broken scaffold tube



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Initial Corrective Actions:

A Safety meeting held with all site personnel to discuss the seriousness of such an event.

All equipment was inspected to ensure no other defective equipment was on site, and a review was initiated of all erected scaffold to check for any defects that may have been previously missed.

The damaged tube is being inspected by engineers.

Review of inspection procedures before dispatching equipment to site is being undertaken.

Reminder to ensure the following:

All equipment must be thoroughly inspected before installing.

Operatives to ensure they are attached to a secure part of the structure at all times.

Refer to the publication "Best Practice Guidelines for Scaffolding in New Zealand" for scaffolding requirements.

A full incident investigation is under way.

<i>Authorised by: (please print name and position title)</i>	
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Verified by (please print name)	Signed	Date
<HSSE representative>		

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