



SAFETY ALERT

An accident occurred at International City recently when a worker fell from a height of approximately 8 meters. The worker was taken to hospital in a serious condition. ➡

Investigation by EHS identified that the fall occurred as a result of the worker trying to take a short cut by climbing down the outside of the scaffolding and not using the ladders that were provided. The worker was going for his break and wanted to get down from the scaffold as quickly as possible. ➡

The weather conditions contributed to the accident as recent rain had resulted in the scaffolding tubes becoming slippery. ➡

All contractors must ensure that the following points are adhered to in order to prevent a recurrence of this type of accident. ➡

Workers must be instructed not to take shortcuts to or from a place of work. The climbing of any scaffolding is strictly prohibited and if any workers are found accessing scaffolding unsafely they should face disciplinary action.

The main contractor must ensure that there is adequate safe access available to all places of work. In the case of scaffolds ladders should be provided on each lift to ensure workers do not have to climb the scaffold.

If scaffolds are incomplete access from the ground and / or building should be removed. Clear warning signs must be displayed identifying the scaffold as incomplete and not to be used.

Weather conditions should always be taken into consideration when planning work. The risks of working at height are greatly increased during wet and windy weather.

The main contractor must consider weather conditions as part of his risk assessment process and identify any operations that would have to be suspended during bad weather.