



## SAFETY ALERT

An accident occurred recently on Palm Jumeirah when a worker fell from a height of approximately 3 meters from a scaffold access landing. Fortunately the worker was not seriously injured and was released from hospital soon after the accident. It should also be noted that the accident occurred during the workers second day on the project.

Investigation by EHS identified that the fall occurred as a result of the supervisor ignoring the displayed scaffold notice board. The supervisor also failed to follow the safety officers instruction to stop the work. The supervisor was subsequently removed from the project by the contractor as a result of his actions.

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

*The following must be adhered to:-*

- *Only trained and competent scaffolders are allowed to erect, alter or dismantle scaffolding. This point must be reiterated to the workforce.*
- *A scaffold tagging system must be used which should be easily understood by the workforce. Colours and symbols should be used to avoid any confusion amongst the workforce.*
- *Scaffolds that are incomplete or have been identified as unsafe during scaffold inspections must be clearly marked with the chosen tagging system as 'DO NOT USE'*
- *It must be reiterated to the workforce that if a scaffold is marked as 'DO NOT USE' it must not be used or accessed under any circumstances.*
- *Extra care must be taken of workers that are new to site. They must receive clear instruction on how work is to be carried out and the safety measures that must be in place.*
- *Senior managers must reinforce the role of the safety professional in their organisation. Supervisors must listen to and adhere to the advice of their own safety department.*
- *Managers, Supervisors and Foreman ARE responsible for ensuring those under their control are working safely.*

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