



## Health & Safety Top Tips

### Scaffolds

- Are scaffolds erected, altered and dismantled by competent people?
  
- Are all uprights provided with base plates (and, where necessary, timber sole plates)?
  - Are all uprights, ledgers, braces and struts in position?
  
- Is the scaffold secured to the building or structure in enough places to prevent collapse?
  - Are there double guard rails and toe boards, or other suitable protection, at every edge to prevent falling?

**A self-employed painter was killed when he fell from the first lift of a scaffold as he was painting a bedroom window. There was no intermediate guard rail or toe board where he fell.**

- **Are additional brick guards provided to prevent materials falling from scaffolds?**
- **Are the working platforms fully boarded, and are the boards arranged to avoid tipping or tripping?**
- **Are there effective barriers or warning notices in place to stop people using an incomplete scaffold, eg where working**