

THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMPANY RISK ASSESSMENT



GRA29

GENERIC

X

SITE SPECIFIC

Activity/Element
Use of Trestles and Trestle Scaffolds

Potential Hazards
Falls from platforms. Falls of material from platforms. Collapse of trestle platforms.

RISK RATING: Consequence x Likelihood = Risk Rating

Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Rating
1 Negligible/No effect 	1 Extremely Remote 	1-4 Trivial
2 Marginal 	2 Remote 	5-8 Acceptable
3 Critical 	3 Reasonably Probable X	9-12 Substantial X
4 Catastrophe X	4 Probable 	13-16 Intolerable

BEFORE CONTROLS:

CONSEQUENCE

4

LIKELIHOOD

3

RISK RATING

12

People Affected by the works:-

Members of the Public

X

Site Staff

X

Site Operatives

X

Visitors to Site

X

CONTROL MEASURES:

- Trestle scaffolds will not be overloaded and must be erected on a firm level base.
- The Risk Assessment must include for Adverse Events/Emergencies e.g. Fire/Evacuation.
- Assessment of Working Requirements will identify need for assistance.
- All trestles will be inspected by a competent person before use.
- Trestles must be positioned so that the boards or staging is supported at recommended intervals. 'Double Boarding' will not be permitted.
- No board will overhang its support by more than 4 x thickness or have less than 50mm overhang.
- All platforms will be at least 600mm wide.
- Where fixed trestles are used over 2m high, toe boards and guard rails will be fitted.
- Folding trestles must not be used where persons can fall more than 4.5m.
- All trestles over 3.6m high will be tied into building or otherwise shored to ensure stability.
- Trestle scaffolds will not be erected on other scaffold platforms unless sufficient space is allowed for access, the trestles are fixed and toe boards and guard rails are fitted.
- Separate steps or ladders will be provided for access to all platforms.
- The use of PPE must be considered and be appropriate to the particular activity following assessment.
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N.B. Employees duties under Regulation 14 of MHSWR to inform employer of any circumstances which might indicate a shortcoming in the above assessment.

AFTER CONTROLS:

CONSEQUENCE

4

LIKELIHOOD

2

RISK RATING

8

Project:

Generic

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