Risk Assessment & Method Statement

Scaffolder RAMS – Independent scaffold erection and handover

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Basic Information

Organization: Accessline Scaffolding Ltd

Client: Harbourview Construction Ltd

Site: Harbourview Facade Renewal - Liverpool L3 4BQ

Scope of Work

This RAMS covers Independent scaffold erection and handover at Harbourview Facade Renewal. It sets out the planned sequence of work, foreseeable hazards, control measures, permits, PPE, COSHH arrangements, emergency actions, and supervision requirements. The supervisor must review this document with the site-specific induction, construction phase plan, drawings, permits, and changing conditions before work starts.

Persons at Risk

Operatives, supervisors, visitors, neighbouring trades, and members of the public near the work area.

Hazards & Risk Assessment

4 hazards identified

Fall from height during erection or dismantling

Fall from height during erection or dismantling can affect operatives and adjacent trades during Independent scaffold erection and handover. Controls are to be verified at the point of work by the supervisor.

Pre-Control: 14 (Medium Risk) **Post-Control: 5 (Low Risk)**

Control Measures:

- Competent scaffolders
- Guard rails installed as work progresses
- Harness and suitable anchor arrangement where required
- Brief operatives at the daily start-of-shift coordination meeting and stop work if conditions change.

Falling scaffold components and tools

Falling scaffold components and tools can affect operatives and adjacent trades during Independent scaffold erection and handover. Controls are to be verified at the point of work by the supervisor.

Pre-Control: 13 (Medium Risk) **Post-Control: 4 (Low Risk)**

Control Measures:

- Exclusion zone below the work
- Gin wheel or hoist for components
- Tools secured at height
- Brief operatives at the daily start-of-shift coordination meeting and stop work if conditions change.

Manual handling of tubes, boards and fittings

Manual handling of tubes, boards and fittings can affect operatives and adjacent trades during Independent scaffold erection and handover. Controls are to be verified at the point of work by the supervisor.

Pre-Control: 12 (Medium Risk) **Post-Control: 3 (Low Risk)**

Control Measures:

- Mechanical aids where available
- Team lifts for long or heavy items
- Clear transport routes
- Brief operatives at the daily start-of-shift coordination meeting and stop work if conditions change.

Tower instability or vehicle strike

Tower instability or vehicle strike can affect operatives and adjacent trades during Independent scaffold erection and handover. Controls are to be verified at the point of work by the supervisor.

Pre-Control: 11 (Medium Risk) **Post-Control: 3 (Low Risk)**

Control Measures:

- Firm, level ground assessed
- Outriggers and wheel locks used where provided
- Vehicle segregation maintained
- Brief operatives at the daily start-of-shift coordination meeting and stop work if conditions change.

Method of Work

6 steps outlined

1. Confirm the scaffold design, site constraints and work sequence

   Related hazards: Fall from height during erection or dismantling

2. Set up barriers, exclusion zones and component storage

   Related hazards: Falling scaffold components and tools

3. Inspect access equipment and prepare the base

   Related hazards: Manual handling of tubes, boards and fittings

4. Erect, alter or dismantle using the planned progressive sequence

   Related hazards: Tower instability or vehicle strike

5. Secure components and complete the required inspection record

   Related hazards: Tower instability or vehicle strike

6. Remove waste and hand the area back to the site team

   Related hazards: Tower instability or vehicle strike

Personal Protective Equipment & Permits

PPE Required

Safety helmet	Safety harness
Cut-resistant gloves	Safety footwear

Permits Required

Scaffold handover / inspection record	Working at height permit where required

Emergency Procedures

First Aid

Stop work, make the area safe, and contact the appointed first aider via the site emergency number confirmed at induction. The supervisor must report serious incidents to Accessline Scaffolding Ltd management and prevent work restarting until the area is safe.

Fire Emergency

Raise the site alarm, stop the task, isolate energy sources only where safe, and proceed by the signed escape route to the designated assembly point. Do not attempt firefighting unless trained and it is safe to do so.

Spill Response

Stop the source if safe, cordon the area, and use the site spill kit or absorbent materials specified by the relevant SDS. Prevent entry to drainage, segregate contaminated waste, and report the event to the supervisor.

Nearest Accident & Emergency

Nearest A&E and the agreed emergency vehicle access point must be confirmed during the Harbourview Facade Renewal induction, recorded in the daily briefing, and communicated to all operatives.

Signatures & Approvals

This document has been reviewed and approved by:

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Demonstration document using fictional project information. It must be reviewed, adapted, and approved for the actual site before work commences.
All operatives must be briefed on the hazards and control measures that apply to the live task.