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1 Purpose

It is important that the erection and maintenance of any temporary scaffold, working platform or tower required for the undertaking of pumping system repairs and maintenance is carried out safely. This guidance document aims to ensure suitable and sufficient steps are taken to prevent so far as is reasonably practicable any person falling or sustaining injury as a result of work associated with scaffold, working platforms & towers.

This guidance document has been written and compiled with due regard for the Construction (Health Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996 and the on-site requirements of Escalators & Pumps.

2 Scope

This procedure applies to:

- all supporting structures used for supporting a working platform and includes any plant and equipment used for that purpose.
- all working platforms constructed and used in association with escalator repair and maintenance

3 Guidance

3.1 The site person in charge shall:

- 3.1.1 ensure the installation, erection, addition, alteration of any scaffold, working platform or tower shall be carried out only under the supervision of a competent person
- 3.1.2 ensure the installation or erection of any personal suspension equipment or any means of arresting a fall shall only be carried out under the supervision of a competent person
- 3.1.3 have the necessary authority for the performance of these duties and in particular to STOP the operation whenever he considers that danger is likely to arise if the operation were to continue. Duties, but not responsibilities, may be delegated to another person where considered appropriate.

3.2 Strength and stability: (supporting structure)

- 3.2.1. Any surface upon which any supporting structure rests shall be stable, of sufficient strength and of suitable composition to safely support the supporting structure, the working platform and any load to be placed on the working platform.
- 3.2.2 Has suitable and sufficient strength and rigidity for the purpose or purposes for which it is being used.