

## Safe Working at Height - SVT Injury



### What happened.....?

Scaffolders were in the process of **dismantling scaffolding at SVT** yesterday. During this activity one of the scaffolders had transferred one board from the highest level down to the next level. Whilst **standing on the single board the board broke**. He was **not clipped** on and as such, **fell ~20ft**, landing at the base of the column, **breaking his lower leg and ankle**. This could easily have been a fatality.

### Key Messages.....

Incident happened as a result of a **failed scaffold board**.

Scaffolding teams are responsible for managing the **quality of the materials** that they use, including poles, clips and boards. Only the correct materials should be used.

Clipping on every time is a **requirement for employment** on our sites.

**Golden Rules on working at height** will ensure that we prevent such incidents or at the very least - minimise the potential for serious injury.

### Ask yourself.....

How would your family have felt if this had happened to you?

What quality checks do you currently employ on site and is this rigorous enough ?

Do we ever do any detailed checks on quality control over scaffold materials etc. ?

When scaffolds are tagged - does this involve a check on the quality of the materials use rather than just the construct ?