

# e-clips



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## LOCAL AUTHORITY SCAFFOLDING PROTOCOL

1. Enforcement initiatives in 2003 and 2004 by Inspectors of HSE's Construction Division North West found significant shortcomings with work at height related issues that necessitated formal enforcement action at more than half of the sites visited. The Merseyside & Cheshire Inspection Group held a Safety Awareness Day at Aintree Racecourse in March 2004. It was attended by representatives of 34 local scaffold companies and a full and frank discussion of the reasons for the poor performance resulted. Scaffolders complained of time pressures from their clients and multiple demands from the numerous enforcement agencies with an interest in scaffolds in public places.



2. HSE addressed these problems by proposing a comprehensive guide to erecting scaffolds in urban areas. A working group was formed including representatives of; the Merseyside & Cheshire Inspection Group, HSE's North West Support Group, Wirral M.B.C., Liverpool C.C., Merseyside Police, Merseyside-based scaffold companies and contractors working on large projects in the area. The protocol document was produced over the latter part of 2004 and the early months of 2005. The aim was to highlight measures to be taken to comply with the law during scaffold erection and dismantling, concentrating on public protection. It did not replace any national guidance, nor did it constitute a risk assessment or safety method statement. It was intended to be a working document providing a structured approach to scaffolding in urban areas, and engender a consistent approach to permit application.

Click [here](#) to download the full health and safety executive and local authority scaffold protocol.

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