

## 2E. Scaffolding and Scaffold Towers

Scaffold and scaffold towers provide a working platform for those working at height.

### Scaffold

Within STFC Scaffold will be designed, specified, erected and taken down only by specialist contractors to meet STFC design access requirements for that particular job (location, size, shape, load capability etc.).

Scaffold should be:

- Used when long term access is required to large high areas (i.e. most construction work at height); and
- Erected and dismantled by competent scaffolders working to industry standards.

STFC staff who are involved in the procurement of scaffolding services should ensure that the scaffolding:

- Is designed and built to meet STFC's access requirements;
- Is inspected on erection and prior to use by a competent person, see Appendix 4; and
- Subject to a weekly inspection programme to ensure that it is safe for STFC staff and contractors to use. These arrangements should include:
  - Signage to indicate state of scaffold (safe to use/under construction/being dismantled etc.);
  - Appropriate signage to indicate when the scaffold was inspected; and
  - Signage detailing next inspection date (no more than 7 days from previous).

### Scaffold Towers

Within STFC Scaffold Towers will be used by teams to provide a temporary platform for work at height.

Scaffold Towers should:

- Conform to BS 1139, and be certified or marked as such;
- Be procured or hired from competent suppliers;
- Stored as a complete set in dry and clean conditions;
- Thoroughly checked before and after each use;
- Any damaged parts replaced or repaired; and
- Erected, dismantled and used by individuals who have had appropriate training, see Appendix 4.