

Notes from: Manawatu Health and Safety Forum – Working at Height Update

Date:	10/05/17	Venue:	Safety n Action
Chair:	Tony Greeve	Time:	4.00pm – 5.15pm
		Host:	Safety n Action

Attendees:

	Name:		Company:	Name:		Company
1	Ray	Roberts	Ullrich aluminium	Michael	Morris	ACC
2	Richard		Easy Access	Stephen	Sanson	ACC
3	Doug	Pohika	Scafit	Penny	Hendry	ACC
4	David	Crowley	Scafit	Brent	Robertson	NZDF
5	Ingrid	Lambie	DML, McIntosh's Cranes	Brent	Dais	Scanpower
6	Sharon	Dahlkamp	DML Painters	Paddy	Woods	Capture Signs
7	Darran	Jaggard	DML Painter	Troy	Symons	Capture Signs
8	Sam	Koronui	WorkSafe NZ	Lynton	Edgecombe	Turks Poultry
9	Carl	Baker	WorkSafe NZ	Steve	Gill	Brunton Engineering
10	Anthony	Jahnke	WorkSafe NZ	Alex	Patton	Brunton Engineering
11	Alan	Harris	Wood Robson Homes	Derek	Smyth	Brunton Engineering
12	Karen	Coe	Alliance Group Ltd	Kevin	Foster	Safety N Action
13	Walter	Raikes	Techlam NZ	Jessica	Roper	Safety N Action
14	Damian	Young	Techlam NZ	Ivan	Chapple	NZDF
15	Brendon	Jol	Techlam NZ	Tony	Greeve	Site Safe NZ
16	Stuart	Parkes	Stuart Parkes Electrical	Barry	Parker	Palmerston North H&S Ltd
17	Peter	Justice	JBS	Sarah	Field	C B Norwood Distributors
18	Donna	Craig	Nebulite	Michele	Hunt	M W LASS
19	Rob	Nolan	Alteration Specialists	Adam	Fisher	Humphries Construction
20	James	Montford	Alteration Specialists	Andrew	Roydhouse	Humphries Construction
21	Luke	Dallinger	Alteration Specialists	Taylor	Ferguson	Humphries Construction
22	Malcolm	Kibby	Alteration Specialists	Corey	Swensson	Humphries Construction
23	Jono	Roff	Alteration Specialists	Clayton	Hancock	Humphries Construction
24	Jason	Bos	Alteration Specialists	James	Long	Humphries Construction
25	Peter	Justice	JBS	Matt	Hillas	TDDA

Apologies:

	Name:	Company:
1	Jackie Buckley	Manawatu Security Fencing Ltd
2	Allyson Harwood	Midway Occupational Health Services
3	Kimberly Jameson	

The forum was attended by 50 representatives of industry from the wider Manawatu Region.

Welcome:

Tony welcomed everyone to the forum and opened with an emergency and safety brief for the session.

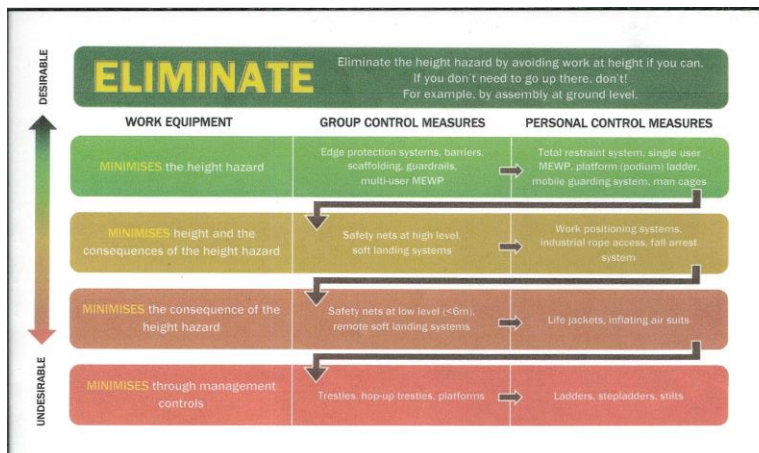
Tony then asked Anthony Jahnke from Worksafe to update the group a little about some of the activities they had been involved with, the ongoing focus for Worksafe and also a little on the Good Practice Guide for Scaffolding

The people attending then broke into 4 smaller groups and went to one of 4 stations that covered off areas as follows:

Stand One: General Harness Use, Kevin Foster, Safety n Action

The majority of the questions revolved around:

Setting up and rating of Anchors, both permanent and improvised
Kevin pointed out the Hierarchy of height controls that they use when training for height work (coloured sheet below)



Further discussion revolved around types of systems available, in particular the type two devices, the importance of limiting free-fall where possible to less than 600mm

There was also some discussion on use and installation of Static lines, their ratings and types

The question was raised as to the use of Tech screws used as anchors, the response....No never.

Users must check Gauge, length and TPI. Refer to tech data sheet for each product, type of material fixed to wood or steel. Unless part of a purpose-built system rated to AS/NZ 1891 1-4

Rescue ideas were also discussed.

There were general question regarding Legislation relating to Height safety what types of training were available and the costs for that training.

There were some questions about harness inspection and who is a competent person to do this.

Stand Two: David Crowley, Managing Director of Scafit, Review of new Scaffolding Good Practice Guide

The following specific points were discussed:

- Overlapping duties and implication of providing scaffolding
- Scaffolding under 5m high: Measured to the highest component, must be erected by a competent person, must be tagged, must be completed to the above guideline specifications and manufactures specification.
- All scaffolds (regardless of height) must be inspected weekly and carry a register of inspections
- Timber planks should not span more than 1.4m. Discussion around the challenging this will cause to old "H frame" system to achieve compliance.
- Scaffolding access where all possible should be installed as a separate external bay
- Reinforcement given to roof edge configuration or guardrails and height of top working platform.

For further information, the "Good Practice Guidelines" can be found at <http://construction.worksafe.govt.nz/guides/scaffolding-in-new-zealand/>

David, has offered any member of the local forum the opportunity to talk further to their team or at toolbox on any of the above topics. Call the Scafit office on 063578517.

Stand Three: Doug Pohika, Trainer for Scafit, Practical demonstration of the Erection of low level scaffolding Doug, tunnelling method or advanced guardrail

Most construction workers are aware of what a mobile scaffold should look like once constructed, the details of the good practice guide is covered under David's section. One of the more pressing issues is the safe construction of scaffolding where the focus is on speed rather than erecting it in a safe manner.

The advanced guardrail, or tunnelling method is based on a simple set of rules,

1. Never get onto a platform that does not have fall protection, and
2. Never take the fall protection off a platform you are working on.

While this may take a couple of extra steps in the construction and dismantling of the scaffold, with a little practice the process is very easy to adopt and does not add significant time to either the erection or dismantling process.



Stand Four: Ray Roberts from Ullrich Aluminium and Richard Raumaewa from Easy Access Co

The discussion for this area was mostly around the various access systems, smaller scaffolds, the stair climber attachment etc and a high level of interest in the Mobile Platform step ladders.



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Information on the range of products that are available from Easy Access Co can be found at <http://www.easyaccess.co.nz/>

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The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

Next Meeting:	23 August 2017	Venue:	TBC
Subject:	Machine Guarding , what are the regulatory requirements, what does it mean to take reasonably practicable steps and good practice regarding assessment of competence and work preparedness.	Time:	4.00pm
Chair:	TBC	Host:	TBC