



Scaffolding Work Safety

The Danish Working Environment Authority (WEA)

The WEA is a government authority in Denmark, one of the functions of which is supervision of building and construction sites.

On Danish building sites, the provisions of Danish working environment legislation and associated guidelines apply.

The WEA has four Inspection Centres. Its head office is located in Copenhagen.

Inspection Centre staff includes specialists with knowledge of particular industries. Among these are inspectors specialising in the area of building and construction.

If you would like to find out more about the Danish legal provisions relating to building sites, you can find the information at www.at.dk.

Reaction

When visiting/inspecting your site, WEA inspectors will check whether your work is being performed in accordance with the Danish rules.

If they find anything that does not meet the requirements of the Danish rules, they have the following options:

Guidance: Giving advice and guidance on how your work can be performed in accordance with the Danish rules.

Improvement Notice: Issuing an Improvement Notice requiring the matter to be put right within a specified time limit.

Prohibition Notice: Ordering work to be stopped, in cases where there is an imminent substantial risk to your life and health or that of others.

Report to the Police: Making a report to the Police with a view to prosecuting you for gross recklessness in the performance of the work.

See also the folders on:

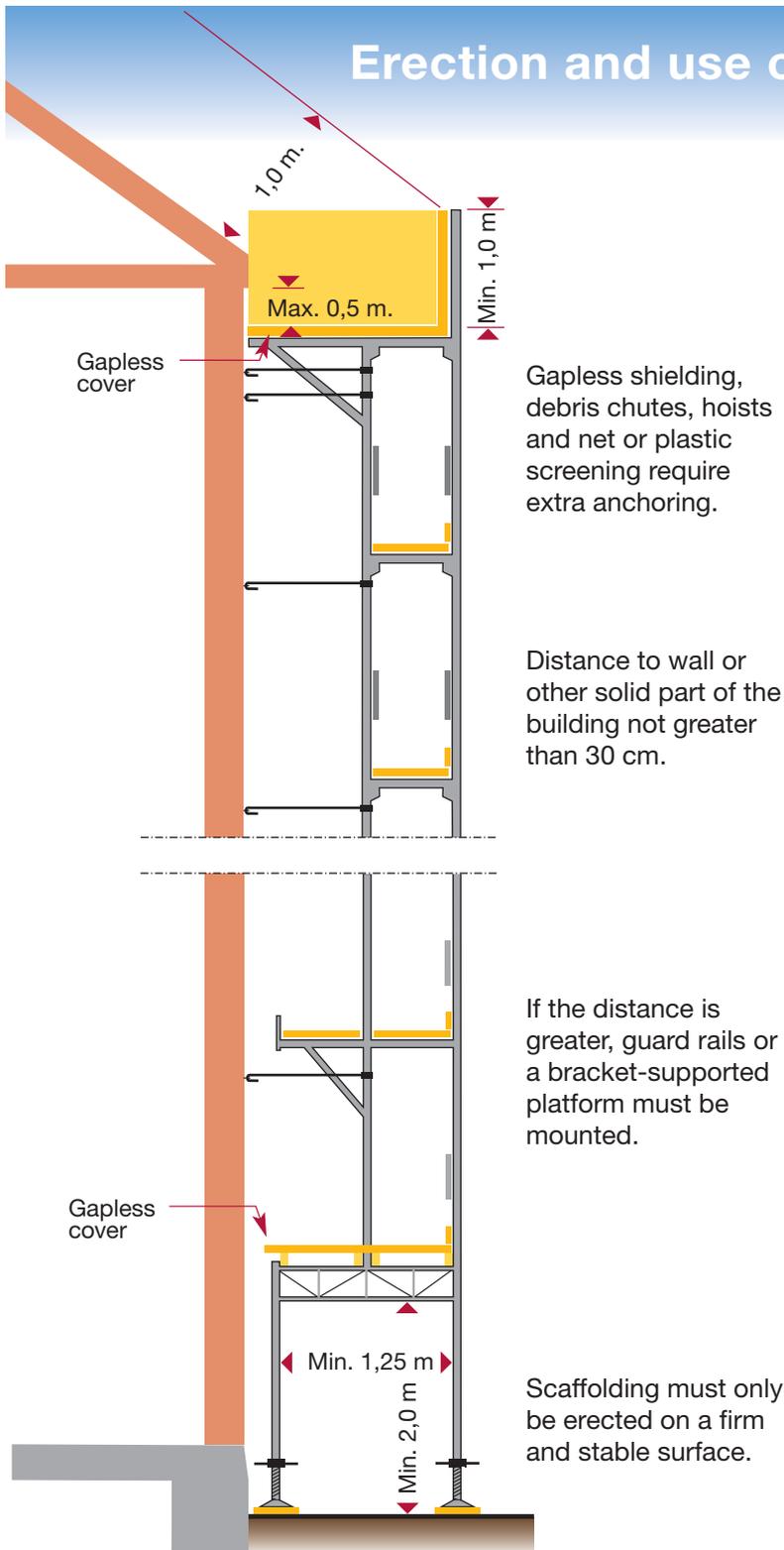
- Asbestos Work
- Roof Work
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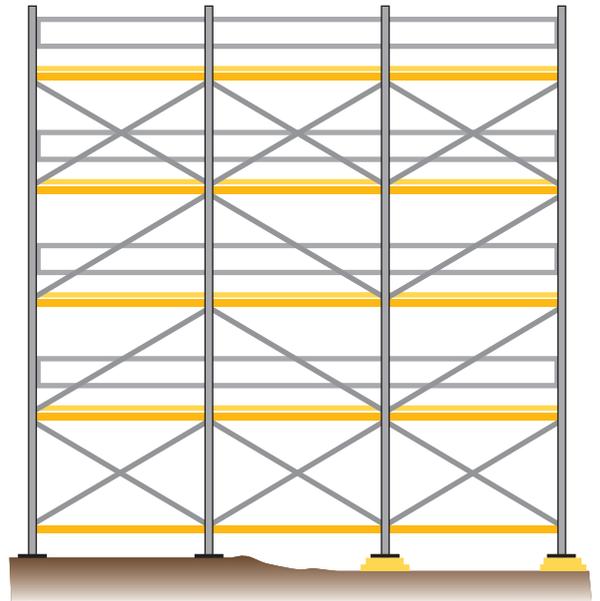


Erection and use of scaffolding



Scaffolding over 2 metres high must always be provided with guard rails comprising hand, knee and foot rails.

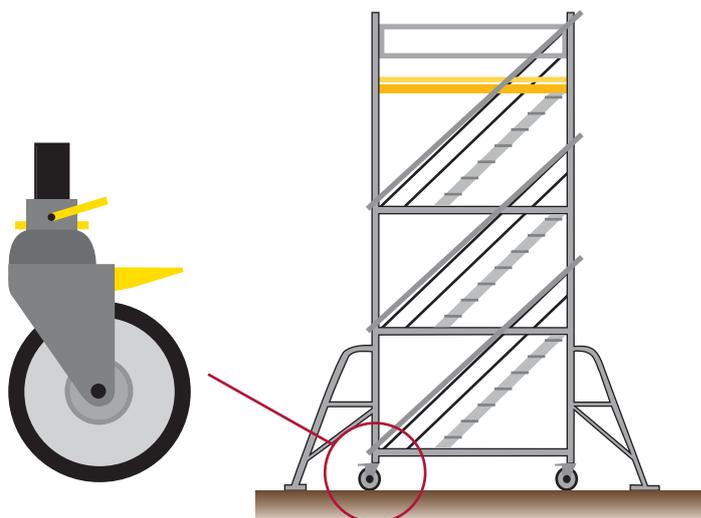
Scaffolding must be provided with diagonal bracing.



Blocking-up must not be higher than 20 cm.

Scaffolding over 3 metres high must only be erected under the direction of a qualified person and by workers who have undergone the special training.

The erection instructions must be at the erection site.



Wheeled scaffolding must be secured against tipping, cf. the Erection Instructions.

Scaffolding wheels must be able to be braked and be protected against falling out.

All fixed scaffolding must be provided with a notice stating the scaffolding classification and what it is to be used for.

All scaffolding must have safe access routes, which may consist of steps, step-ladders or ladders, depending on the construction and use of the scaffolding.