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## SAFETY ALERT


## NO. 2

<b>Alert date:</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>
<b>Condition:</b>	<b>Ladder access orientated face on (rather than side on) to scaffold platform and with no ladder gate.</b>
<b>Resulting risk:</b>	<b>Fall from height, either from difficulty with mounting or dismounting the ladder or through having a non-identified leading edge to the scaffold platform</b>
<b>How identified:</b>	<b>MSAFE safety monitoring visit</b>
<b>Condition supporting commentary:</b>	<p>9.04 Ladders Where ladders are used for access, do they extend sufficiently to a safe landing area?</p> <p><b>Action Raised</b> Recommend ladder is positioned side on to the landing area to allow for easy access when mounting/dismounting the same.</p> <p>Also, install ladder gate to further prevent falls from the leading edge of the landing area.</p>
<b>Condition supporting photos:</b>	<div data-bbox="456 1424 884 1989"></div> <p><b>Ladder fixed face on to scaffold platform, requiring operatives to 'step around' ladder to mount and dismount</b></p> <p><b>No ladder gate installed to identify leading edge of scaffold platform</b></p>

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<b>Work being performed:</b>	<b>Superstructure masonry and roof construction</b>
<b>Relationship between condition and work being performed:</b>	<b>Intent to provide safe access to upper lift of scaffolding for bricklayers and carpenters for ongoing superstructure works. Whilst not a prescriptive statutory requirement, side on ladder access is considered best practice and forms part of the NASC guidance</b>
<b>Corrective action (options &amp; selected):</b>	<b>Re-orientate ladder access to be side on to scaffold platform, in order to allow operatives to 'step off' ladder on to platform rather than having to 'step around'. Install ladder gate to identify leading edge of scaffold platform (see diagram below)</b>
<b>Corrective action supporting photos:</b>	 <p><b>Ladder oriented side on to scaffold platform</b></p> <p><b>Ladder gate installed to identify leading edge of scaffold platform</b></p>
<b>Preventative action:</b>	<b>(i) Update scaffolding specification to require arrangement/orientation of ladder access to be in accordance with NASC SG25:20 and include link to guidance (link provided below); (ii) review scaffold schedule with appointed scaffolding sub-contractor pre-start to establish whether there are any situations where ladder access compliant with NASC SG25:20 cannot be achieved; (iii) ensure particular scaffolding sub-contractor gang attending site is aware of the requirement for side on ladder access</b>

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