

Scaffolding documentation: make sure you are covered

Scaffolding is a crucial element of many construction projects and if not built and maintained according to certain regulations it can put people at unnecessary risk. Consequently it should be held to the highest safety standards, being inspected before first use, weekly, after extreme weather conditions or following any alteration. To carry out such inspections safely and legally a competent scaffold inspector must be given the correct documentation.

NASC TG20:13 is recognised by HSE as the standard configuration for tube and fitting type scaffolding, covering most scaffolding structures in use. The duty holder for the scaffolding must therefore ensure that these documents are in place as they hold vital information regarding how the scaffold is to be built and made structurally secure, its use, dimensions, ties required, and types of coverings or material guarding in use.

Necessary scaffolding documentation required for inspection:

- At least one TG20:13 compliance sheet for each of the structural elements (ties, loading bays, bridging beams etc.)
- A design drawing for where TG20:13 compliance is not possible, or desired
- The manufacturer's instructions and a design drawing (if required) for any system scaffold used
- Tie pull test records if ring or similar ties have been used
- A handover certificate from the scaffold contractor (this is not regarded as the first inspection report)

For more information on scaffolding documentation inspection records and how 4see can help you please contact us on 01327 811166 or enquiry@4see.co.uk.

