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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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## *Entering Scaffold Without Fall Protection*

We recently had an incident where one of our employees were investigated for a potential Life Saving Rules violation when he inadvertently entered a crossover scaffold without the required fall protection to access the scaffolding yard on location. This type of violation has happened once in the past, where an individual violated the same Life Saving Rule. After further examination, it was discovered that the core crew was aware of the requirements to cross the scaffold, and in both violation instances, the individuals were new to the location and didn't realize that they were in violation. The incident location was looked at closely and it was determined that the location was established as the scaffold yard since 2009 and the crossover scaffolding has been the means of access and still is today. This scaffolding that is used to access the scaffold yard is a cross over scaffold going from on top of the ware house to on top of the MCC where scaffold is being staged which is called the scaffold yard.

After a thorough investigation by the onsite OIM and customer leadership, it was determined that the cross over scaffolding fall protection requirements could be amended by putting different measures in place to access the scaffold yard.

GIS together with customer leadership team decided that an MOC to access the cross over scaffolding without being 100% tied off would be implemented and that cross over scaffolding can be green tagged. This change would remove the ambiguity of the fall protection requirements while entering the crossover scaffolding thus removing the latent condition that caused the confusion in the first place. Great example of following human performance principles and looking at the system rather than the individual. The 'new' view softened the position a bit by recognizing, that incorrect human actions mostly are a symptom of deeper trouble within a system or workplace.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Corporate HSE department at any time.



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