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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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## Scaffold Material Left at Heights Creates a Dropped Object Hazard

### Incident Overview

A scaffold pole was discovered left unsecured at height following scaffold disassembly operations. This oversight created a serious dropped object hazard, posing significant risk to personnel and property below.

### Key Safety Points

#### 1. Proper Cleanup After Scaffold Disassembly

- All components and equipment must be accounted for immediately following scaffold disassembly.
- Conduct a full walkdown of the area—both at height and on the ground—to ensure nothing is left behind.
- Use a checklist to verify all materials and tools are removed from the worksite.

#### 2. Never Leave Equipment Behind

- Scaffold components, tools, and materials should never be left on ledges, beams, or walkways.
- Equipment left behind can be overlooked and potentially fall during future operations, wind events, or vibrations.

#### 3. Dropped Object Hazards

- Dropped objects are one of the leading causes of serious injuries in construction and industrial environments.
- A falling scaffold pole—even from a moderate height—can cause life-threatening injuries or damage.

### Preventive Actions

- Reinforce toolbox talks and safety briefings with emphasis on cleanup and drop prevention.
- Assign a dedicated team member to perform a final inspection before leaving the work area.
- Use colored tags or markers on scaffolding material for visibility and accountability.



Scaffold Pole Left at Height

