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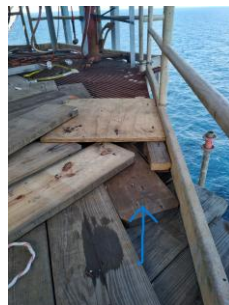


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Unsecured Scaffold Board Leaves Open Hole Causing Injury

A recent incident resulting in a minor (First Aid) injury was caused by one of our fellow workers stepping onto unsecured scaffold boards which moved and created an open hole, in which he partially fell through, striking and bruising his knee.



This is a reminder that scaffold boards should be secured as soon as they are set, before they are used for a walking/working surface, and no worker should step onto an unsecured board.

Supervisors and competent persons are encouraged to make periodic checks of scaffolding to ensure:

- Boards and planking are secured appropriately
- Proper scaffold erection sequence
- Compliance with company, client, and OSHA scaffold standards

Workers are also encouraged to implement a **“Last Board Check”**, a verbal confirmation between two scaffold builders before stepping onto a newly installed board.

While the injury in this case is considered minor (First Aid), this is a painful reminder, at least for one person, that complacency has a cost. Please keep your focus and know that productivity should never come at the cost of less precaution and focus on the task at hand.



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