

Statutory basis: Work at Height Regulations 2005 reg 4 — work at height properly planned, supervised and carried out safely, reg 5 — competence, and reg 12 — working platforms inspected before use and after anything liable to affect their safety; scaffolds used within the load class they were designed and handed over for, and altered only by the scaffold contractor, under NASC TG20:21; MEWPs to BS 8460:2025 and HSE GEIS6 (2014); mobile towers to the PASMA code of practice; CDM 2015 regs 13 and 15. This document is the recorded safe system of work required by HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5.

1 DOCUMENT AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

RAMS REFERENCE	PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE PREPARED	NEXT REVIEW DATE
CLIENT / PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR	PLANNED START	DURATION	OPERATIVES	SUPERVISING THE WORK

2 SCOPE OF WORKS

How the gang uses the platform while laying: no alterations, brick guards and edge housekeeping, towers and MEWPs as laying platforms. Getting materials onto the lifts — load class, landing at the bay, distributing and stacking — is KD-RA-SC-003 (Loading Materials onto Scaffold Lifts), which the gang follows for load-out.

This document does not cover: load-out onto the lifts (KD-RA-SC-003, Loading Materials onto Scaffold Lifts); alterations to a scaffold in use (KD-RA-SC-005, Scaffold Alterations While in Use); MEWP emergency lowering and rescue (KD-RA-PL-004, MEWP Emergency Lowering and Rescue); scaffold erection (KD-RAMS-SC-001 and KD-RAMS-SC-002); mobile tower assembly (KD-RAMS-SC-003, Mobile Tower Assembly and Use); MEWP operation (KD-RAMS-PL-002); and lift heights and body strain while laying (KD-RA-BR-003).

SITE-SPECIFIC SCOPE, LOCATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

3 RISK ASSESSMENT — SCORE EACH RISK FOR THIS SITE, THEN ADD WHAT IS MISSING

The hazards and controls below are the starting point for this activity, written by a working main contractor. They are not complete for your site until a competent person has scored each risk, added the site-specific hazards, and struck out anything that does not apply. Rate risks High / Medium / Low before and after controls.

1. Overloading the lifts during load-out

At risk: Everyone on and below the scaffold

Controls: Materials go onto the lifts only as KD-RA-SC-003 (Loading Materials onto Scaffold Lifts) sets out; the gang does not add to stacks beyond the limits that document sets.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

2. Bricklayers removing ties, boards, guardrails, toe boards or brick guards to get at the work

At risk: Everyone on and below the scaffold

Controls: Only the scaffold contractor alters a scaffold. A tie, board or guard in the way is raised as a request under KD-RA-SC-005 (Scaffold Alterations While in Use), and the gang works elsewhere meanwhile. A missing tie or guardrail found on a lift stops work on that lift until it has been made good and re-inspected.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

3. Bricks, mortar and offcuts knocked off the lift onto people below

At risk: People below, the public

Controls: Brick guards and toe boards kept in place and never used as a shelf; stacks kept back from the edge and below the top of the brick guard; mortar droppings and offcuts cleared as work proceeds; exclusion below wherever a route passes under an unprotected lift.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4. Slips and trips on mortar droppings, pallet bands, packaging and offcuts on the working lift

At risk: Bricklayers, labourers

Controls: Pallet bands cut and removed as each pack is opened; packaging and offcuts bagged, not left on the boards; mortar droppings scraped up before they set; a clear walkway kept along the lift as a working and escape route.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

5. Laying from a mobile tower — overloading it or moving it loaded

At risk: Bricklayers, people nearby

Controls: Tower assembled by trained persons under KD-RAMS-SC-003 (Mobile Tower Assembly and Use) and inspected before use; the load of people, bricks and mortar kept within the manufacturer's stated platform capacity; never moved with people or materials on it; castors locked and outriggers fitted as the manufacturer requires.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

6. Laying from a MEWP — overloading, trapping against the wall and ground failure

At risk: MEWP occupants, people below

Controls: MEWP selected for the task with its rated capacity checked against the people plus the bricks and mortar in the platform; trained and familiarised operator; ground checked and spreader plates used as required; operator briefed on trapping against the wall; emergency lowering and rescue arranged under KD-RA-PL-004 (MEWP Emergency Lowering and Rescue) before work starts.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

7. Using a scaffold, tower or MEWP that has not been inspected or handed over

At risk: Everyone using it

Controls: Scaffold tag and handover certificate checked at the start of each day and after any alteration or high winds; towers inspected before use and after any alteration; MEWP pre-use checks recorded. An untagged or out-of-date scaffold is not used.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

Site-specific hazards not listed above — every site has at least one:

HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROLS	INITIAL HI...	RESIDUAL...	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4 METHOD — SEQUENCE OF WORK

- Before work, get the scaffold handover certificate. Note the load class and any area not to be used.
- Brief the gang: load-out follows KD-RA-SC-003; no alterations; brick guards and housekeeping; what to do when something is in the way.
- Check the scaffold tag at the start of each day and after any alteration or high winds.
- Load out only as KD-RA-SC-003 (Loading Materials onto Scaffold Lifts) sets out.
- Lay with stacks back from the edge and below the brick guard. Cut and remove bands, bag packaging and scrape up mortar droppings as work proceeds.
- When a tie, board or guard is in the way, stop on that section and raise a request under KD-RA-SC-005. Work elsewhere until the scaffold contractor has altered and re-inspected it.
- Where a tower is the laying platform, check its capacity against people plus materials, and never move it loaded.
- Where a MEWP is the laying platform, check its rated capacity against people plus materials and confirm the emergency lowering and rescue arrangements under KD-RA-PL-004 before rising.
- STOP work on the lift and report to the scaffold contractor and the principal contractor if a tie, board, guardrail or brick guard is missing, a board is damaged, the lift is overloaded, or the scaffold moves.
- At the end of each shift, clear loose materials, mortar and packaging from the lifts and leave stacks within the limits set.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE

5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- Scaffold with handover certificate and current inspection tag
- Band cutters, waste bags, scraper and brush
- Brick guards and toe boards
- Mobile tower or MEWP where no scaffold is provided

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS

COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS

6 PPE — THE LAST LINE OF CONTROL, NOT THE FIRST

- Head protection
- Gloves — task-rated
- Harness and restraint lanyard where the MEWP type and site rules require it
- Safety footwear
- Eye protection
- High visibility
- Hearing protection

RPE TYPE, FACE-FIT STATUS, AND ANY OTHER PPE REQUIRED

7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS

A permit authorises this work in that place, on that day. It extends the safe system of work in this document — it does not replace it (HSE HSG250). The site issues the permit; record its number before work starts.

KD-PTW-WH-006 — Work at Height Permit

PERMIT NUMBER

Where the site requires a permit for towers, MEWPs or work beyond the handed-over scaffold.

8 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS — COMPLETE FOR THIS SITE

FIRST AIDER AND LOCATION	NEAREST A&E	ASSEMBLY POINT

HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED	EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR THIS WORK AREA	SPILL / ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE
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9 BRIEFING RECORD — EVERYONE WORKING UNDER THIS RAMS SIGNS BEFORE STARTING

By signing you confirm the contents of this RAMS have been explained to you, you understand the hazards and controls, and you will work to the sequence stated. Tell the supervisor if the work or the site does not match this document — work stops until it does.

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE

10 PREPARED AND ACCEPTED

Prepared / adapted for this site by — I confirm I have adapted this document to the site, scored the risks, and that it describes how the work will actually be done.

PRINTED NAME	ROLE / COMPETENCE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME
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Accepted for the site by — principal contractor or site manager review.

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Review this RAMS if the work, the site or the law changes, and at least before each new phase of the works. Flatten the completed PDF before filing so the record cannot be silently edited.

R REVISION HISTORY

Every revision of this document, and every review that found nothing to change. The revision on the front of this sheet is the one you are holding — check kubitdocs.com for the current one before use.

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