



# HSE NEWS

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## Latest HSE Statistics YTD 15 JUNE

	2013	2014
Workplace fatalities	1	1
Non-work related fatalities	7	0
Non-accidental deaths (NADs)	3	10
Lost Time Injuries (LTIs)	22	24
All injuries (excluding first aid cases)	84	79
Motor Vehicle Incidents (MVI's)	71	43
Roll over - MVI's	21	13
Serious MVI's	N/A	16
Lost Time Injury Frequency (LTIF)	0.28	0.31

## Life Saving Rules Violations YTD 15 June

Journey management	38
Speeding	30
Seatbelts	28
Overriding safety device	1
Working at heights	1
Permit	0
Confined space	0
Lock out tag out	0
Drugs and alcohol	0
Gas testing	0

## Latest Class A/B Violations YTD 15 June

Class A	111
Class B	1961

**HSE TIP**

Use the Accredited scaffold training companies in Oman and ensure your staff have the competence to deliver!

## Important News



Earlier this year an electrician employed in the construction of PDO's Ras Al Hamra villas fell eight metres from a balcony landing on the marble floor below him. He was lucky to escape with his life but suffered severe fracture trauma to his back and face. He remained in intensive care for days and in hospital for much longer. He compromised his safety when he leant against a temporary barrier on the second floor balcony which gave way and he fell into the open space beyond it. The barrier itself failed as his employer had

not utilised the most appropriate method of fall protection utilising inappropriate extendable scaffolding poles wedged between two walls instead of stand alone barriers.

So what can you do to avoid being the next victim? Know your working at height controls and keep to them. Complacency kills, so always be vigilant and consider how you can be injured, particularly when working above the ground.

## What You Need to Know

### Improvement timeline

**Jul 2002** - SP1257 scaffolding and working at heights

**Jan 2011** - re-write of SP1257 and GU363

**2011 - 2012** - Contractor engagement period and document approval

**Feb 2013** - all 'homemade' wooden access tables banned from sites and new 'step-up' methods promoted

**May 2014** - scaffolder competence card system introduced

**May 2014** - first accredited training cards observed in RAH project

**Jun 2014** - proposal through ICV panel to accept the SP1257 as the industry standard

### Training

PDO has changed its focus in this particular area. The training is specialised and Company believes that the accredited training is the key to sustained competence. PDO will no longer approve this training but will formerly recognise training companies who achieve the training requirement stated in the SP1257 and guidance GU363.



Competence Cards

### Up-Coming Events

19<sup>th</sup> June - Tell a Friend awareness session (Woman Association)

18 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Safety Quiz

26<sup>th</sup> June - PDO Pedestrians Presentation (BMF - S005)





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### HSE Advice Note

#### Working Safely at Height (WAH)

PDO has recently seen a worrying increase in the number of serious incidents relating to falls from height. The competence of workers, engaged in working at height activities, particularly on scaffolding has been a major factor.

PDO introduced the first working at height standard (SP1257) in 2002 it has continued to strive to improve the industry standard by working closely with local and international training providers to enhance competency in the field. PDO continues to promote safer methods and we are pleased to have witnessed a clear step change of

improvements in the standard of scaffolding and other working at height activities. In the spirit of partnership, PDO working closely with our contractors has designed a new version of the standard and it has eased the path for contractors to meet the safety requirements. The new style, which uses pictures to explain what is needed, is also simpler to use and helps support LCCs entering the market. We have begun the journey on improving working at height standards and will continue to support and assure contractors comply with the requirements as they are a sure way of saving lives and it forms one of the 12 life saving rules.

#### What can you do?

As a professional in construction areas, continue to challenge and be consistent in all aspects of working-at-height activities including requesting to see competence cards. As a non-professional, if you see something that does not look safe, such as poor scaffolding being used at your house and you are in doubt then question it! With your help we can further promote and maintain safe working at height!

