

# Toolbox Talk

## Mobile Scaffold Tower



It's important to use a mobile scaffold tower correctly as unsafe use can result in injury or worse. Mobile scaffold towers must be erected in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and only by a competent person.

### • **Before erecting the tower:**

- Check all components are in a good condition.
- Check wheels for effective rotation.
- Check brakes and locking devices work correctly.
- Before erecting a tower on a suspended floor, check the bearing capacity of that floor for the proposed load.

### **Before use:**

- Ensure the tower is vertical and square.
- The wheels must be locked when the tower is in position.
- If fitted, check the outriggers are secure.
- Ensure the guard-rails are toe-boards are securely fitted.
- Be aware of changing weather conditions if outside as strong winds can blow them over.

### **Access to the platform:**

- Always use the built-in stairway or ladder.
- If it's a vertical ladder always climb in from the inside of the tower.
- Follow instructions on base to height ratio.
- Be aware of danger of overturning tower if hoisting materials.
- Do not move the tower if people or materials are still on the platform.

### **Safe use:**

Always remember:

- Don't exceed the manufacturers safe working load (SWL) for the tower.
- When moving the tower check for obstructions, pot holes and overhead power cables or barriers.
- When working ensure the access hatch is always closed.
- Never use ladders or steps on a scaffold tower to gain extra height.
- The tower must only be used on firm, level surfaces.
- Never remove guard rails if they are stopping you doing a job.

