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NASC Launches SG4 You Pocket Guide (2015)

The NASC has launched the eagerly-awaited, user-friendly SG4 You (2015) pocket guide further to publication of its core scaffolding fall prevention guidance note, SG4:15 'Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations' – with support from BuildUK.

This convenient, but detailed 86-page A6 pocket guide is designed for scaffolding operatives and managers to use as a handy reference document whilst out on site and to support the main, detailed SG4:15 A4 management guide – which is available as a free download via the NASC website: www.nasc.org.uk.

Copies of the SG4 You pocket guide will retail via the NASC website's online shop, priced at:

- * NASC Member 1-99 units: £3.00
- * NASC Member 100+ units: £2.10
- * NASC Information Members: £3.00
- * Non Members 1-99 units: £6.00
- * Non Members 100+ units: £4.20

The widely-recognised industry standard for safe scaffolding, SG4:15 was launched in its 2015 revised and updated format to the NASC's membership at the 2015 AGM in November and has been widely praised by industry experts. The SG4 You guide completes the SG4:15 suite, offering both detail and convenience to scaffolding operatives, contractors, managers and those involved in scaffolding on construction sites.

Whilst many of the principles of SG4 remain unchanged, the fine-tuning "evolution not revolution" updates to the 2015 guidance (part of the NASC's commitment to review guidance every five years) reflects the broader scope introduced by TG20 compliant scaffolds, changes to good practice and industry innovation in the scaffolding sector. These include:

1. Erecting floor height lifts

2. Bridging with beams
3. Loading bay gate installation
4. Cantilever scaffolding
5. Chimney stack scaffolding
6. Personal fall protection equipment

NASC Past President and member of the SG4:15 working party, Mr Kevin Ward said: "SG4 works! The NASC accident statistics speak for themselves and in light of these, this revision has been more of a fine-tuning exercise rather than trying to reinvent the wheel."

And NASC MD Robin James added: "The updated SG4:15 safety guidance has been very well received as a free download, and we're very happy to be launching the SG4 You pocket guidance note, as a condensed hard copy version. Since its inception 20 years ago, SG4 has stood the test of time and developed to become the established performance standard for the protection of scaffolders working at height. The A6 pocket guide only serves to strengthen its use and reference out on site.

"SG4 is a core NASC publication – supported by the the construction industry's overarching trade association, BuildUK and used by principal contractors across the UK and beyond, internationally. It continues to focus on prevention and protection philosophy, like the 'Scaffolders' Safe Zone.' But it now also includes a range of updates to reflect changes within the industry, such as the introduction of TG20:13 'Good Practice Guidance for Tube and Fitting Scaffolding.'

"Work at height is by far the biggest risk faced by scaffolders and adhering to the principles in SG4:15 will not only serve to offer continual improvement in accident prevention, but will assist users to meet work at height legal obligations. And the affordable SG4 You pocket guide will only serve to assist in this process."

To order copies of the SG4 You pocket guide, please visit www.nasc.org.uk or email: enquiries@nasc.org.uk.

And for details about the latest Safety Guidance (SG) and Technical Guidance (TG) notes, the TG20:13 full suite and the NASC – the UK scaffolding industry trade body – including becoming an NASC member, please visit www.nasc.org.uk or email: enquiries@nasc.org.uk. And for more details on CISRS training, including a list of current providers, please visit: www.cisrs.org.uk