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NASC's Core Scaffolding Industry Guidance – SG4:22: Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations – Available Free to All

NASC's recently revised core scaffolding safety guidance – SG4:22: Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations – is now available as a free download to all.

NASC members were initially allowed free access to the safety guidance – featuring 60 pages of detailed scaffolding sector analysis and safety guidance, with 95 key figures and illustrations – last week.

Now having had a chance to digest this, SG4:22 been made available as a free download on the NASC website to everyone in the industry.

Acting NASC Managing Director, Dave Mosley said: “Our primary objective as the UK’s “go-to” scaffolding and access industry trade body for best practice guidance is to make the scaffolding industry safer – through our safety and technical publications we help set the industry standard – not just for our members, but the entire scaffolding sector.

“By allowing SG4:22 to be downloaded free to all in the industry, the NASC is helping to make the industry safer – one scaffold at a time.”

SG4:22 updates the out-going SG4:15 guidance. The key changes to SG4:22 are:

- The removal of obsolete technology.
- The inclusion of case studies highlighting accident and enforcement learning.
- The embracing of new technology (e.g., drones and 3D modelling).
- Updates to reflect changes brought in with TG20:21 (such a TG20 loading bays).
- The inclusion of modular system scaffolding as well as traditional tube and fitting.
- Additional safety guidance on working on beams.
- Hazards, risks and control measures required when working on fragile roofs.
- Improved Safe System of Work (SSOW) for temporary roofs and the prevention of falls.

SG4:22 was produced by the NASC's Health and Safety committee – which is made up of a selection of scaffolding industry, health and safety experts and representatives from SME and large scaffolding contractors. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are also represented on the committee and the working group, as always, they were very keen to make core industry guidance available for free to everyone.

For now, the NASC states that current SG4:15YOU booklets can still be issued to scaffolders – alongside a briefing on the main changes to SG4 – until SG4:22 booklets become available in early 2023.

SG4:22 Management Guide is available to download as a PDF from the NASC web site (nasc.org.uk/shop/) now. Contact the NASC office for more details: Phone (+44) 20 7822 7400 or email enquiries@nasc.org.uk