

Scaffold erection risk assessment

The job, not the finished structure. The strike is assessed here too.

This covers the days when people are working on a structure that is not finished and the protection is not all there yet. Name the method being used and what it depends on, so an assessment naming a method nobody on the gang is trained in shows up as a gap rather than a tick.

SITE	STRUCTURE / ELEVATION	WORK ASSESSED
GANG / SUPERVISOR	ASSESSED BY	DATE

WHAT IS BEING ASSESSED

Erection	THIS ONE
Alteration or adaptation	
Striking / dismantling	
All three — differences noted below	

METHOD

Safe system of work being used	
What it depends on being available	
Who on this gang is trained in it	
Supervision arrangements	
Where the method statement is held	

FALLS FROM HEIGHT DURING THE WORK

	CONTROL IN PLACE	N/A
Collective protection provided as the method requires		
Advance guardrail or equivalent available and used		
Harness and lanyard where collective protection is not yet in place		
Suitable anchor points identified for every stage		
Equipment inspected, in date and recorded		
Nobody working from an incomplete platform without protection		
Rescue plan in place and the gang briefed on it		

FALLING MATERIALS

Protection of the gang and protection of everybody else are different measures with different owners.

	CONTROL IN PLACE	N/A
Area below closed to the gang's own people		
Public excluded, with barriers and signage		
Fans, netting or covered way where the public cannot be excluded		
Materials raised and lowered, never dropped or thrown		
Hoisting equipment inspected and correctly rigged		
Tools secured or tethered		
Spotter or banksman where needed		

	CONTROL IN PLACE	N/A
	☐	☐

GROUND, SERVICES AND SURROUNDINGS

	CONTROL IN PLACE	N/A
Ground conditions checked and adequate	☐	☐
Underground services located before any base is set	☐	☐
Excavations, basements and voids identified	☐	☐
Overhead services identified and clearance maintained	☐	☐
Traffic management in place where needed	☐	☐
Highway or pavement permissions in place	☐	☐
Neighbouring property and occupants considered	☐	☐
	☐	☐
	☐	☐

THE GANG AND THE DAY

	CONTROL IN PLACE	N/A
Competence confirmed for everybody on the gang	☐	☐
Manual handling assessed, and mechanical help provided where possible	☐	☐
Weather assessed, and criteria agreed for stopping work	☐	☐
Welfare and first aid available	☐	☐
Lone working avoided, or arrangements made	☐	☐
Briefing given and recorded before work started	☐	☐
	☐	☐
	☐	☐

WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT STRIKING

Striking is not erection in reverse — the structure is being progressively weakened, and the temptation to drop materials is at its highest.

ANYTHING ELSE, AND THE CONTROLS FOR IT

SIGN-OFF AND BRIEFING

ASSESSED BY	DATE
SUPERVISOR	DATE BRIEFED
REVIEWED ON	REASON FOR REVIEW