

# Basic Scaffold Inspection

## Course Introduction

In the UK, one of the main cause of serious workplace accidents are falls from height. Where scaffolding is not maintained, inspected and signed off by a competent person major accidents become a very real possibility.

This course is designed specifically for those responsible for ensuring that basic scaffolds are erected and maintained correctly. This responsibility often falls to Site Managers or Supervisors who may not have an extensive background in scaffolding. As such this course will highlight the many scaffold components, how they are to be used correctly and regulations surrounding scaffolding erection including [Working at Height Regulations \(2005\)](#), BS EN 12811-1 and NASC guidance (TG20:21)

The training is delivered over 2 days and split between classroom and practical exercises, including the inspection of reconstructed scaffolds at Alpha Safety's Construction Academy.

NB: This course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and competence to inspect basic scaffolds (design scaffolds not included).

Successful Students will receive a certificate of successful completion and an Alpha Safety Training ID card for use on site.

This is an Alpha-accredited course which is not eligible for CITB grants & funding claims.

## Course Topics

- Current Legislation, Codes of Practice, Regulations and Guidance
- Scaffolding Components & Terminology
- Scaffold Drawing and Construction (including scaffold types and their recommended use)
- Practical Inspection and Report Writing
- Assessment (Practical Inspection, Report and Short Answer Questions)

## Course Benefits

It is important that scaffolds are inspected regularly by a competent person. With the cost of independent scaffold inspectors often falling outside of project budgets, this responsibility typically falls with Site Managers or Supervisors.

In the event that a scaffold fault causes an accident or is highlighted by regulatory bodies, it is imperative that those responsible are able to demonstrate competency. This course has been designed to ensure that this is covered, and most importantly, those working on scaffolds remain safe.

## **Assessment Method**

Practical Assessment (Inspection) and Short Answer Exam

## **Qualification Expiry**

5 Years