



Commercial  Industrial  Residential

Temporary Roofs

Access

New Build

Planned Maintenance

Restoration Projects

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V&S Scaffolding Services Limited is an established and experienced professional scaffolding company that prides itself on offering a smooth, efficient service.

We work with a variety of building contractors and construction companies across London and the South East. Recent projects include scaffolding for new residential and office developments, access solutions for major transport schemes and historic restoration projects. We also work on many smaller contracts and have an extremely good network of local builders who have benefited from our service for many years.

Behind our success is a commitment to quality. We employ experienced high calibre scaffolders, all of whom are fully insured and briefed on the latest health and safety regulations. Call us and you can be sure of a first class service throughout from pre-estimate assessment to competitive pricing and efficient scaffolding management. Our flexibility also allows us to meet any specific requests you may have during the course of the project.

### Scaffolding Solutions

- Industrial units
- Commercial offices
- Retail buildings
- Residential buildings
- Planned maintenance
- Restoration projects
- New build
- Public buildings and structures
- Listed buildings
- Housing projects
- Demolition and dangerous structures
- International airports
- Mainline and underground stations

### Scaffolding Services

- Temporary roof systems
- System staircases
- Edge protection and handrails
- Hoist and lifting solutions
- Scaffold scheduling for projects
- In-house design service
- Scaffold branding
- Scaffolding erection and dismantling
- 24 hour emergency call out
- Scafftag inspection service
- All operatives trained to NASC SG4:05 working at height regulations and current TG20:08 guidance notes



**Our clients include:**

**City and Country**

*Residential/Refurbishment*

**Capricorn**

*Commercial Maintenance*

**Deards Decorating**

*Commercial/Residential Maintenance*

**Elmer Construction**

*Residential New Build/Refurbishment*

**Higgins**

*Commercial/Residential*

**Kier Group**

*Commercial*

**Network Rail**

*Commercial*

**SMA**

*Residential - Loft Conversions*

# Scaffolding expertise



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V&S Scaffolding Services Limited has been established within the industry since 1986 offering experience and a high standard of workmanship to meet all scaffolding requirements.

As a company we have grown our customer base with ongoing, and past projects including schemes running in excess of 60-100 weeks. We have a large base of local builders and construction companies, who know they can rely on a prompt, safe and professional scaffolding service and have repeatedly requested us since we commenced trading.

Our current portfolio contains larger projects incorporating the new homes sector (Leach Homes, Wheatley Homes, Regal Homes and Beverley Homes), major refurbishments to listed buildings (City & Country Construction and Complete Restoration) and in the current climate where residents are unable to relocate properties but are happy to remodel their existing abode, we are finding the percentage of loft conversions has increased dramatically (Scott McCabe Associates). We strive to ensure that we are able to cover every aspect of our industry and such determination has resulted in us providing access systems to motorway schemes, railway and airport projects (Bowmer and Kirkland and Jackson Civil Engineering)

We are approved to work in sensitive areas such as the pharmaceutical industry, providing internal and external work for GlaxoSmithKline and Merck, Sharp and Dohme. A number of our operatives have also been CRB checked to attend schools, most recently carrying out works at Courtland & Claremount schools on behalf of D Long whom we have formed a successful working relationship with for a number of years. Other projects have included the elite

Olympic Park project completing the 'Hand Ball Arena', and the refurbishments of more than one of the major super market stores.

We provide national coverage, working as the preferred scaffolding supplier for New World Builders (and Vision Express).

Our clients require 100% commitment from day one. Whatever the size of the project, myself and the team here at V&S offer a personal, and professional service working with the customer, and assisting with the fine tuning of the scaffold. This can be from our initial site survey or during the contract works by completing variations or adaptations as the project progresses. We aim to pass on our experience to save the customer costs, but without compromising safety.

All our operatives are CISRS registered and CITB trained with all current health and safety legislations adhered to with regular in house tool box talks to reiterate that the safety of both public and employees is paramount to our reputation. Individual training in slingers and signalling, and fall arrest at height training are key issues, with individuals trained in these areas. Our main priority is to provide a safe and efficient scaffold service to enable the project to run smoothly.

We can provide a Scafftag safety check system upon request, and an on site handover certificate to insure all areas are satisfactory installed for you to carry out your specified work.

We hold £10 million insurance indemnity cover for Employers/Public and Products

V&S Scaffolding Services Limited look forward to providing you with the most professional of services.

# The height of roof safety

**Paul Haxell, Chair of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) Construction Group outlines the risks of working at height and what mitigation steps should be taken...**

There continues to be a high level of fatalities caused by falls within the construction industry, according to the latest Health and Safety Executive (HSE) statistics.

Some 59% of construction fatalities – 23 deaths – were caused by falls in 2012/13. Over the same period, 28% of reported major injuries and a further 12% reported over a 7-day absence are caused by falls from height. In total, some 920 injuries in construction were caused by falls.

The law, Work at Heights Regulation 2005, requires that employees and the self-employed undertake a risk assessment for all work at heights. The risk assessment should then inform the development of a safe working method which is planned, communicated to employers and implemented in the workplace.

A specific hierarchy of controls exists to mitigate the risks of working at height. In priority order, the following are to be applied:

- Avoid work at height where it is reasonably practicable to do so.
- Where work at height cannot be avoided, prevent falls using either an

existing place of work that is already safe, or the right type of equipment.

- Minimise the distance and consequences of a fall, by using the right type of equipment where risks cannot be eliminated.

Around 1 in 5 deaths in construction involve roof work. Some of those killed are specialist roofers whilst others are involved in routine maintenance, like gutter cleaning and minor repairs.

Of those deaths and major injuries caused by roofing, falls from the roof through openings, off edges or through fragile surfaces are the main causes.

Many of these accidents would have been prevented through the use of suitable equipment and if those doing the work had been given adequate information, instruction and training.

Safe access to a roof requires careful planning, particularly where work progresses along the roof.

Typical methods to access roofs are:

- General access scaffolds;
- Stair towers;
- Fixed or mobile scaffold towers;
- Mobile access equipment;
- Ladders; and
- Roof access hatches.

Falls from roof edges occur on both commercial and domestic projects and on new build and refurbishment jobs. Many deaths occur each year involving smaller building operatives working on the roof of domestic dwellings.



Sloping roofs require scaffolding to prevent people or materials falling from the edge. You must also fit edge protection to the eaves of any roof and on terraced properties to the rear, as well as the front. Where work is of short duration, (tasks measured in minutes), properly secured ladders to access the roof and proper roof ladders may be used.

Falls from flat roof edges can be prevented by simple edge protection arrangements - a secure double guardrail and toe board around the edge.

All roofs should be treated as fragile until a competent person has confirmed they are not. Do not trust any sheeted roof, whatever the material, to bear the weight of a person. This includes the roof ridge and purlins.

Fragile roof lights are a particular hazard. Some are difficult to see in certain light conditions and others may be hidden by paint.

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