



Scaffolding or hoarding terms and conditions

Structure' refers to the hoarding and/or scaffolding. You must observe and perform all the terms and conditions of Sections 169 and/or 172 and 173 of the Highways Act 1980. These conditions are for the protection of the general public and powers exist to enforce them by stopping work on a scaffold or ordering it to be dismantled if the conditions are not complied with.

Licensing

No structure may be erected on a public road (including the pavement) or public place (including private forecourts to which the public have access) unless it has been licenced. The Licence may have to be fixed to the scaffold so that it is visible.

Construction

The structure must be erected and dismantled in a safe manner and maintained in a safe condition in accordance with British Standard 5973, 1993.

Minimum distances

If any part of the scaffold/hoarding lower than 4.9m comes within 0.5m of the kerb, a temporary kerb must be provided to give 0.5m to the edge of carriageway. No tube etc may be lower than 4.9m above the carriageway.

Pedestrians

If ground level bracing is necessary across the pedestrian way, an unobstructed close-boarded or sheet timber walking platform is to be provided. Where pedestrians will be required to use the carriageway a public walkway of 1.3m minimum width must be provided and a 1.5m high barrier handrail of at least two evenly spaced horizontal members must be erected between the walkway and carriageway.

There must be a clear passage continuously available for pedestrians under or through the scaffold with a minimum of 2.6m headroom. It must be at least 1.3m wide. All fittings lower than 2.6m must be adequately protected to prevent danger to pedestrians. Warning signs with the legend 'DANGER - MEN WORKING ABOVE' must be displayed at each end of the structure.

Traffic control

If the building of the scaffolding reduces the carriageway width to less than 5.5m the carriageway will need to be reduced to 3.7m and traffic light control installed. Scaffolding in the carriageway is to be protected by large timbers secured independently of the scaffolding with 0.5m clearance. The ends of the timbers and bands at 6m intervals are to be marked with yellow paint.

Boarding out and fans

It must be fully boarded out below the lowest working lift and up to 2.6m above pavement. Fans must be wide enough to completely protect the public and should come off at the same level as the scaffold is boarded out. Dust sheets or felt should be used if necessary.

Sole plates

All scaffold tubes on the highway must be supported on base plates. Sole plates must also be used where the loading may in any way damage the highway surface. No continuous timber or sole plates are allowed on the pavement. This may be waived for inside standards if the scaffold is built over pavement lights or cellars.

Enclosure of road

No part of the road or pavement may be totally enclosed by the scaffold. If enclosure is required a hoarding licence is necessary.

Obstruction

No part of the road or pavement may be obstructed either by the scaffold or by scaffold materials during erection or dismantling. A reasonable time is usually allowed for obstruction during erection or

dismantling. The actual time often depends on street conditions. If leaving of materials on the pavement or edge of road is permitted overnight they must be fenced off and properly lit.

Painting

All tubes up to a height of 1.6m must be painted white.

Lighting

The scaffold must be lit during the hours of darkness at each end with red warning lights and at every 6m. All projections must have red warning lights. A gantry must have white lights under it for pedestrians.

Water

A scaffold used for washing buildings must be completely sheeted to protect the public. Provision must be made for the water to run away so slush doesn't form on the pavement. Fire hydrants must not be enclosed by the structure or any part without the prior written consent of the Fire Authority.

Dismantling

After dismantling the site must be properly cleared and restored to our satisfaction. Any damage to the highway shall be made good to our satisfaction at your expense.

Public Liability Insurance

Public Liability Insurance giving minimum cover of £10million is required. However, we reserve the right to increase this amount if it is considered that the site location requires a higher degree of cover. You will be notified if this is the case and proof of increased cover will be required before the licence is granted.

Health and Safety

Scaffolding is a high risk activity and as such is of particular interest to the Health & Safety Executive due to the large number of annual incidents. Our cooperation has been sought to implement a national initiative aimed at improving public safety during scaffolding activities.