



To: Developers, Occupiers, Project Consultants, Approved Scaffold Contractors, Managing Agents, Manufacturers and Suppliers of Scaffold Netting, Conformity Assessment Bodies and Relevant Industry Stakeholders.

New Scaffold Fire Safety Requirements

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to inform you of upcoming changes to the fire safety requirements for scaffold. Scaffold fires can spread rapidly across combustible materials such as timber and scaffold netting, posing significant risk thereby endangering workers, residents, emergency responders and members of the public. To strengthen scaffold fire safety, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will be introducing new requirements intended to reduce the fire risk associated with combustible timber scaffolds and scaffold netting.

2. The requirements will be implemented in phases as follows:

a) **From 1 January 2027:** The permissible duration for the use of timber scaffolds will be reduced from nine months to three months. Timber scaffolds erected before this date may continue to be used for up to nine months, subject to the requirements applicable at the time of erection.

b) **From 1 March 2027:** Scaffold netting erected on the outside of buildings must meet the fire-retardant specifications set by the Commissioner for Workplace Safety and Health. This requirement will apply to projects awarded on or after 1 March 2027.

c) **From 1 March 2028:** Fire-retardant scaffold netting must be certified by certification bodies accredited by the Singapore Accreditation Council. Further details on the certification scheme will be provided before implementation.

3. Please review the enclosed Circular ([WSH Circular - New Scaffold Fire Safety Requirements](#)) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) ([FAQ on New Scaffold Fire Safety Requirements](#)) for the detailed requirements, acceptable fire test standards, compliance documentation and recommended fire safety management measures. We encourage affected stakeholders to review their project schedules, procurement arrangements and contractual obligations early, and to make the necessary preparations ahead of the respective implementation dates.

4. For further queries, please contact MOM at 6438 5122 or email mom_oshd@mom.gov.sg.

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