

Safety Soapbox Absolute Shocker

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WorkSafe's fall prevention focus kicks off in July and this week's *Absolute Shocker* is a timely reminder that shortcuts are all too common in the construction industry.

This eave board installation was spotted by one of our readers, who wrote; "there was a modular scaffold for work on the upper level, but not for the ground floor. The timber brackets are only held in position by the pine boards wedged into the brackets, as there were no fixings going into the brackets."

Never take shortcuts with height safety, as falls from any height are one of the most common causes of construction worker deaths and serious injuries.

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