

# Safety Alert

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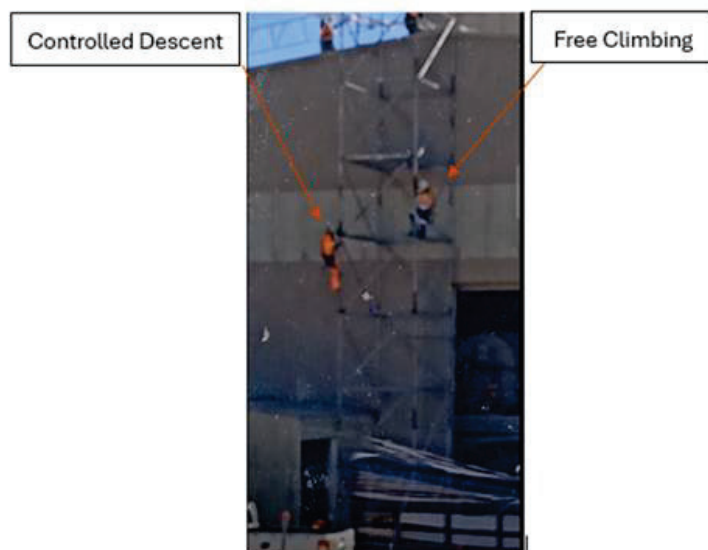
Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

## Working at height without fall restraint

Two scaffolders were erecting a scaffold tower to support the edge protection barriers on the roof of a building.

After completing the tower, the two scaffolders started to descend down the outside of the tower from a height of approximately 8 metres.

One scaffolder utilised double-leg lanyards for continuous anchorage during the descent, and the other was observed free climbing down with no fall protection.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 15% of incidents (1,110 incidents) involve falls, of which 440 involved fall of a person.

### You need to ensure that:

1. When using contractors, their safety systems are checked and if inadequate, ensure they use your safety systems.
2. Regular workplace inspections are carried out on contractors to ensure they are following safety systems.
3. All contracted workers are trained and assessed as competent in all activities they are contracted to carry out.

**Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.**