

Too much wrong when working with mobile scaffolding

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The inspection of the use of rolling scaffolding by the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (SZW) provides a staggering image. With the professional use of 270 mobile scaffolding, 251 were found to be in unsafe situations. In proportion, most violations, 107, were committed by painters on mobile scaffolding.

Falling from a rolling scaffold is one of the most common accident types in the construction industry. Reason for the Inspectorate SZW to inspect the use of rolling scaffolding throughout the country in recent months. The scaffolding was used for construction, painting and maintenance work.

The inspectors mainly saw unstable scaffolding, which increases the risk of falling. Scaffolding was even found where the wheels were not on the brakes.



In 224 cases, the inspectors had to stop work until the employer made the situation safe. In 40 cases, the violation was so serious that the employer was also fined. In most cases, the inspectors found more than one violation.

107 of the inspections concerned painting companies. In all cases there were unsafe situations here. In 77 cases there was a risk of falling, in 40 cases the rolling scaffold was not stable. 27 employers were also fined for not having a risk inventory and evaluation.