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## **Height Safety News**



## August 2014

Dear << Test First Name >>

Welcome to the August Height Safety News. This month we endorse a new CITB/HSE video on the largest single cause of accidental death at work, we discuss the duration of training certificates, and we launch a new Expert Witness service.

The CITB, supported by the HSE, have published a video drawing attention to the single largest accident killer at work, falling through fragile materials (mostly roofs).

This single accident type has been claiming around 9 lives every year for over 30 years (and many more before that). It is scandalous that we are still unable to draw enough attention to the problem to reduce the number of accidents.

The video takes a personal and poignant look at the consequences, and asks the viewer to "take 2 minutes."

Refreshingly is recognises that the injured party is frequently the one with the greatest opportunity to prevent the accident.

The video is called .. Fragile Roofs - Fragile Lives.

Heather Bryant, the outgoing Chief Inspector of Construction at HSE, described it as "essential viewing ..."

Check it out at PP Construction Safety or directly at the CITB.



I caught site of this scaffold whilst on holiday in Cornwall. It was at Mousehole. It is not often that I see a domestic scaffold that gets even close to the expected Standards these days. To see one tied in, and with the safe zone rail clearly visible on every lift, was a great encouragement. Well done Chris Sedgeman Scaffolding!



Higher Safety have launched an Expert Witness service, offering support to cases involving issues in connection with work at height. We will support personal injury cases and commercial cases involving incident investigation and consequence. We can also bring out expertise to bear on product designs and performance concerns. Contact Higher Safety for more information.

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