

*Safety Soapbox*  
***Bodgey Scaffold of the Week***



The closer you look, the worse it gets. Rather than use a genuine scaffolding system, this contractor has used formwork shoring frames to construct scaffolds. The lower lifts of the scaffold on the right seem to consist of a couple of home-made double-lift end-frames.

A shortage of genuine scaffold planks has been “overcome” by using a few lengths of timber and some ply sheets. Edge protection, to the scaffold platforms and the suspended floor slab, is non-existent. Using a vertical ladder as access to a scaffold is dangerous, and therefore unacceptable. (When placed correctly, at a slope of between 1 in 6 and 1 in 4, an access ladder should also extend at least 900 mm above the platform.)

Our subscriber who spotted this week’s Award winner did the right thing by promptly reporting it to his local workplace safety authority.

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