



Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety Unit

Guidance Note

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Loading Platforms being used as 'Structural Working Platforms'

Each individual loading platform that is to be used as a 'Structural Working Platform' MUST be provided with a unique and individualised engineer's report stating that it can be used for this purpose.



The Builder MUST also obtain INDEPENDENT engineering advice and approval for the platform to be used as a Structural Working Platform. The engineer's report must take into account all necessary LIVE and DEAD loads, and ensure that all intended loads are safely distributed.

All external doors to the platform MUST be welded shut prior to the platform being delivered to site.

A checklist must be provided to the builder, from the hirer, that includes all structural and safety issues that must be complied with, with the appropriate sign-off provisions. This must be completed by senior managers of the builder, and provided to the CFMEU OHS Representative on site prior to the platform being used.

All documentation to do with the Loading Platform/Structural Working Platform (including but not limited to: engineering reports, calculations, recommendations, maintenance reports, SWMS and checklists) MUST also be given to the designated OHS Representative and OHS Committee members, prior to using the platform/s.

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