

# SafeStand® Access Systems

## Newsletter 3 “Anti Flip Brackets”

Following visits to various sites, it has become apparent that on occasion anti-flip brackets are not always being used correctly, thus creating the potential for an accident to occur.

The anti-flip bracket has been specifically designed to provide support to the end of each scaffold board where it overhangs the SafeStand® Unit and butts up to the adjacent fleet of boards. This does away with the traditional lapping of boards and the subsequent trip hazard that arises.

When a platform of more than one board length is required it is necessary to ensure that where the scaffold boards butt up to each other, two SafeStand® units are also butted up to each other. This leaves a gap of approx 600mm between each SafeStand® support. In this location two anti-flip brackets are used; one to support the short overhang (approx 300mm) of each flight of boards, see photos A & B.

Generally the SafeStands® are spaced at 1000 to 1200mm apart, however when boards butt up to each other the stands should only be approx. 600mm apart (Photo C & D).



(A)



(B)



**WHEREVER THERE IS A JOINT IN THE BOARDED PLATFORM THE SAFESTANDS® MUST BUTT UP TO EACH OTHER AND TWO ANTI-FLIP BRACKETS; ONE TO EACH FLIGHT OF BOARDS, MUST BE USED TO SUPPORT THE ENDS OF THE SCAFFOLD BOARDS.**



(C)



(D)



**Some examples of incorrectly used/erected SafeStand® Anti-Flip Brackets are replicated below:**



The boards are not spanned onto the SafeStand® unit and is therefore putting undue load on the anti-flip bracket (for which it is not designed). At every joint in the boarded platform two SafeStands® must butt up to each other and an anti-flip bracket must support each end of the scaffold boards (see photo B).



**For further information or advice on the use of anti-flip brackets or any components of SafeStand® Access Systems please contact us as detailed below.**

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