

Subject: SCAFFOLDING REQUIREMENTS

What's Happened?

An HSE scaffold specialist inspector carried out an audit of 67 scaffold gangs from companies ranging from the very large down to 1 team.

Of these 67 gangs, only 9 had everything that was required of them from the following list, relevant to the size of job being undertaken:

- **Correct number of supervisors**
- **Correct ratio of scaffolders and labourers**
- **Actually had the cards claimed (genuinely issued to that person)**

Recommendations:

With immediate effect the following process must be adhered to:

Any scaffold operatives coming onto site must have their qualifications verified in the manner detailed below:

- **Copies of the ticket must be taken**
- **Phone the CITB (number should be on the reverse of the card)**
- **Confirm the details on the card with the CITB database**
- **Log the details of the call on the copy card taken, including the name / date / time of the call**

It is imperative that this happens in all cases in future