

## Safety Lesson Learned

## Accident Abstract

**Accident Type:** Injury

**Injury:** Fractured right forearm

**Type of Work:** Working fell off a scaffold insulating above the ceiling.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE MISHAP:** An Apprentice construction worker was placing batt insulation in the ceiling of a room module using a manually propelled mobile scaffold (Bakers). The worker walked off of the work platform and fell approximately 4 feet to the floor and sustained injury to his right forearm.

**DIRECT CAUSE:** The worker was not aware of how close he was to the edge of the work platform and walked off of it.

**INDIRECT CAUSE:** The manufacturer's user manual was not on site and the worker was not aware of its requirements.

**ROOT CAUSE:** The worker was not trained in the use of the scaffolding. The worker was inexperienced.

### **LESSONS LEARNED:**

- Proper training is required.
- The manufacturer's user manual is required to be on site.
- Guardrail assembly is required when the work platform is set at four feet or more in height per the manufacturer.
- The scaffold is to never be ridden per the manufacturer.
- All casters are to be locked when using the scaffold per the manufacturer.
- The AHA shall address the manufacturer's more stringent user requirements.

NOTE: In this case had the manufacturers instruction, which was the more stringent, been followed this mishap could have been avoided.

