LESSONS LEARNED / BEST PRACTICE



Title:

2019/10 - Loose Scaffolding Banner

What Happened / Impact?

In July 2019, emergency crews were called to Glasgow's Union Street following reports that a printed wrap attached to scaffolding had become loose and was considered as potentially dangerous to users of the street.

The printed wrap / banner attached to the scaffolding of a building had come loose from several of its fixings and posed a safety risk for passers-by and to traffic. The adjacent road was closed in both directions temporarily pending resolution. There were no reports of any injuries.



Loose printed wrap

Immediate Learnings / Recommendations

- 1. Consider the need for a temporary works design, mindful of the materials used, the affixing substrate, construction methods, the duration for use and any other influencing factors.
- Tailor the design considering local wind conditions and associated loading and use suitable materials (e.g. PVCcoated polyester with open mesh to reduce wind loading).
- 3. Consider designing bespoke bracketry to create support points (e.g. incorporate bungee lacing to allow for tensioning without stress on the supports).
- 4. Use competent providers for both the design and installation.

Example of a well-designed, printed wrap on Dublin's Liberty Hall

