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Skill, Knowledge, Experience & Training for Temporary Edge Protection Installers

To determine the competency of persons who install Temporary Edge Protection Systems, the installation company must ensure that the Operatives hold the necessary skills, knowledge, experience and training certification to undertake the task.

Temporary Edge Protection Systems are typically installed to prevent falls from height. Temporary Edge Protection systems must be designed and installed in accordance with BS EN 13374: 2013 Temporary edge protection systems – Product specification – Test methods. The HSE have clarified that “a scaffold has a set meaning and that just because edge protection uses tube and fitting scaffold components does not make that a scaffold”. The HSE go on to say “they may look identical to side protection on a scaffold but for edge protection to be classed as a scaffold it would need to be part of that scaffold and therefore be linked to a platform rather than just be edge protection”.



Those who install Temporary Edge Protection Systems must:

- ensure that the installation is carried out in accordance with a manufactures installation manual (MIM) **or** specific Temporary Works Design
- hold a CSCS Blue Skilled Worker Edge Protection card
 - Tube and fitting edge protection system (including safety net infill systems) – the operative should hold a CSCS Blue Skilled Worker Edge Protection Operative – FASET Route card
 - Proprietary edge protection system – the operative should hold a CSCS Blue Skilled Worker Edge Protection Operative – EPF Route card and manufacturer specific training

Holders of a FASET Edge CSCS Blue Skilled Worker Edge Protection Operative – FASET Route card are not certified to install Scaffold Structures in accordance with BS EN 12811-1: 2003 Temporary works equipment – Part 1: Scaffolds – Performance requirements and general design.

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