

# FASET Bulletin APD-08 (Revision 1)

## Unauthorised Alteration and Tampering of Platform Decking

### Introduction

Platform Decking systems are items of temporary works provided for the safety of the workers on site. FASET are aware of a number of instances of Platform Decking systems being altered, tampered with or misused by unauthorised individuals. In some cases decking is being erected and dismantled by unauthorised individuals. Some of these instances have resulted in collapses of the system and injuries to workers using the decking system.

It is critical for the safety of those workers that these systems are not tampered with or altered by unauthorised individuals and that regular inspections are carried out (see bulletin APD-01) and in line with the Work at Height Regulations 2005.

FASET reminds those responsible for site management that tampering with items provided in the interests of safety is a breach of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 Section 8 and as such may result in prosecution of the individuals and the company by the Health and Safety Executive.

Alterations and/or remedial actions to Platform Decking systems must only be carried out by authorised trained and competent individuals holding a blue skilled Platform Decking Installer FASET CSCS card; for the specific system being altered.

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