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Inspection and Handover of Platform Decking Systems

Introduction

The Work at Height Regulations 2005 require that items such as Platform Decking systems require formal inspection prior to handover and after every subsequent seven days or following adverse weather or incidents that could compromise the integrity of the system. Pre-use checks should also be made by the user in all cases. Combined, these checks ensure that the system is in good order and is safe for the operatives to work alongside. The safety of the operatives working on the Access Platform Decking outweighs the time and cost of a suitably competent person inspecting the systems.

In more detail these are the steps of inspection and the responsibilities for each step:-

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Responsible Person/Persons</u>	<u>Recording Process</u>
Pre handover inspection	Competent and authorised Platform Decking installer	To be formally recorded
Handover inspection	Site Manager or their authorised deputy with Platform Decking Installer	To be formally recorded
Pre use check	User of system e.g. Site Manager	Informal visual check looking for obvious defects. Bricklayers and joiners should also report any obvious defects to site management
Checks after Adverse Weather Conditions, Tampering etc	Trained and competent inspector*	To be formally recorded
7 Day Statutory Inspection	Trained and competent inspector*	To be formally recorded

*This could be a FASET Platform Decking for Managers certificate holder or blue skilled FASET CSCS Card Platform Decking holder; in the specific system being used

Legal Responsibilities & Implications

Signing of the Handover or Inspection certificates demonstrates that the Client has accepted their responsibilities for the inspection and maintenance of the Platform Decking system and that it has been transferred from the Decking Contractor to the Hiring Client/Site Management.

FASET strongly urges those accepting Handover certificates to physically check the installation before signing and therefore taking legal responsibility for the Platform Decking system.

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