

Purpose/Background:

The safety of students and staff is a priority. Scaffolding is often necessary to decorate and setup for activities as school drama productions, graduations, assemblies, guest performances/service providers. Use of scaffolding should only be undertaken by trained personnel.

Procedures

1. Use of scaffolding by students and school personnel, excepting trained division maintenance staff or those authorized under section 3, is not permitted. Setup of scaffolding may only be completed by RVS Operations Staff.
2. Requests for manned scaffolding for school sponsored activities will be at the school's expense and are to be submitted to the Operations branch in AssetPlanner.
3. Requests for unmanned scaffolding will only be entertained by the Director of Operations if they meet the following criteria:
 - a. The individual operating the scaffolding is:
 - An adult*
 - Trained on the safe use of scaffolding
 - Approved for use of the scaffolding by the Manager of OH&S
 - Has signed a liability waiver acknowledging they have taken training, understand the hazards associated with scaffolding use and accept the risks.
 - *Note: Under no circumstances are students or minors to be allowed on scaffolding.*
 - b. The scaffold is not required by the Maintenance team on specific dates. The scaffolding may be removed if needed for an emergency at another school.
 - c. The scaffolding be set to a maximum height of 3.5 meters (11 feet). This is platform height on the top level.
 - d. The school will cover the cost to deliver, setup, takedown and pick-up of the scaffolding.
 - e. The school is not in a P3 facility.
4. Unless otherwise advised, the Operations branch will charge the costs to the schools "510" account for scaffolding requests.
5. Signage is to be on all scaffolding on school property. Schools must not remove the signage. The signage must state:
 - Authorized Personnel Only
 - Potential Hazard Exists
 - Risk of Injury



- Risk of Falling

Reference:

- Education Act Sections 33, 52, 53, 68, 143, 196, 197, 222.
- Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Worker's Compensation Act
- Communicable Diseases Regulation
- Occupational Health and Safety Code
- Occupational Health and Safety Regulation