

**Relating to the erection and use of Mobile Scaffold Towers
or similar units on Buildsafe Australia Void Platform Systems**

If it is the intention of the hirer to erect or use scaffolding directly on the void platform, authorisation from Buildsafe Australia must be obtained prior to erecting the scaffold. Buildsafe cannot endorse the use of mobile scaffold towers on the void platform, unless this authorisation is obtained.

Whilst all immediate signage for rating of a Buildsafe Void Platform is that of light duty scaffolding (225kg), most platform setups supplied have the capacity to be rated to temporary floor load (1.5kPa per square metre). This rating applies to the void system as a whole. Individual decks have not been engineered to accommodate the associated point loads of a mobile scaffold tower, screw-jack, castor, etc.

In order to allow scaffold use on the platform, specific point loads must be dispersed across the system. Sole plates must be used running at right angles to the direction of the platforms to facilitate the spreading of the load. Wheels or screw-jacks of the scaffolding shall then be set upon this bracing timber, ensuring the wheel or screw-jack is encapsulated in the centre of the length. As a minimum requirement, 240mm X 40mm pine at a length no shorter than 1500mm long shall be used to achieve this.

