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FACTORIES AND MACHINERY (BUILDING OPERATIONS AND WORKS OF ENGINEERING
CONSTRUCTION) (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1986
PART X - SCAFFOLDS

Regulation 88. Guard-rails and toe-boards at working place.

(1) Subject to sub-regulations (3), (4) and (5) every side of a working platform or working place, being a side thereof from which a person is liable to fall a distance of more than 3 metres, shall be provided with a suitable guard-rail or guard-rails of adequate strength to a height of at least one metre above the platform or place and above any raised standing place on the platform, and with toe-boards up to a sufficient height being in no case less than 200 millimetres and so placed as to prevent so far as possible the fall of persons, materials and tools from such platform or place.

(2) The guard-rails and toe-boards used on a working platform or working place shall be placed on the inside of the uprights, and the space between any toe-board and the lowest guard-rail above it shall not exceed 690 millimetres.

(3) Guard-rails and toe-boards required by sub-regulation (1) and (2) may be removed or remain unerected for the time and to extent necessary for the access of persons or the movement of materials.

(4) On the side of suspended scaffold facing the wall-

(a) guard-rails where required by this regulation need not extend to a height of more than 690 millimetres above the platform if the work is impracticable with a guard-rail at a greater height;

(b) guard-rails and toe-boards shall not be required if the workers sit at the end of the platform to work and ropes or chains affording all the employees a safe and secure handhold are provided.

(5) The requirements of sub-regulations (1) and (2) regarding toe-boards shall not apply to the platform of a trestle scaffold or where the provisions of a toe-board is impracticable on account of the nature or special circumstances at the work.