INSPECTION EQUIPMENT SAFETY MATTERS

Safety Management of Your Access Equipment What are your obligations?

Under PUWER regulations, 1998, every employer must ensure their staff are trained and the work equipment used is inspected at intervals according to its use.

The regulations states, "The general principle should be that inspection is necessary when equipment or parts of equipment will deteriorate and lead to danger and this will not be picked up through operator checks and normal servicing regimes". Paragraph 10, Regulation 6.

The frequency of inspection should be reflected by the type of use i.e. Light, medium or heavy usage and is independent of daily routine operator inspections.

What do we offer?

We offer an inspection service covering three main equipment categories

- Mobile scaffold towers manufactured from aluminium or fibreglass.
- Custom-built access staging manufactured from aluminium, fibreglass or steel.
- Ladders & Steps aluminium, fibreglass or combined.



What do we recommend?

Planet Platforms recommend an inspection schedule that reflects the frequency of use of each individual item of access equipment. This can be initially gauged following an assessment of your own equipment. Using the table below:

Type of Use	Description	Recommended Inspection Intervals
Light	Infrequent maintenance & inspection work.	52 weeks
Medium	Regular maintenance & inspection work.	26 weeks
Heavy	Used in production areas for everyday activities & periodic work.	12 weeks
Very Heavy	Used in very busy production areas for everyday activities & continuous work.	Weekly

What will the inspection involve?

Each inspection will include the examination of every component of a mobile scaffold tower, custom-built staging or ladder/step. The integrity of all welded or bonded joints will be assessed.

What will I receive?

In all cases a detailed written inspection report will be produced for each individual piece of access equipment. Every custom-built staging and ladders/steps will be fitted with an inspection record. These durable tags will indicate to operatives whether equipment has been inspected and is safe to use. The tags will also show the date the equipment is due to be inspected again.



