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# PLOT ACCESS FOR ACCESS PLATFORM DECKING SYSTEM INSTALLATION

## What is the issue?

Access Platform Decking installers frequently arrive to site to find they are unable to unload the systems in a safe manner and then have compromised access to the area where the system is to be set up. Hazards can include working through scaffolds, climbing through windows, inadequate unloading areas etc. which all puts the operatives at risk of injury.

## What is needed?

The access point to the plot needs to be unobstructed whilst operatives are working.

Clients should ensure that:

- Clear, trip free access to the plot is maintained throughout the installation and dismantling of the system;
- A pre-arranged and agreed offload area is required to allow for materials to be safely unloaded and loaded;
- Ground floor access should be via a slope of no more than 10 degrees or steps no greater than 225mm in rise;
- Plot should be free of debris;
- Ground floor access should be installed prior to the 1st lift scaffold being erected;
- If scaffolding has already been installed, a reasonable sized opening should be provided for the size of the system components being installed / dismantled.

## Good and bad practice...

Good Practice



Bad Practice



## KEY MESSAGE

Operative safety can be greatly improved if clients:

1. Engage with the installation company at an early stage
2. Have an understanding of the requirements as well as the method and sequence of work

## Useful references:

- FASET APD-01 Inspection Requirements for Platform Decking
- FASET Access Platform Decking Guidance Note
- Construction Design and Management Regulations 2015

