



# HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT



## Defective Double Couplers

When erecting a handrail using tube and fitting, a drop forged double coupler failed when tightened. The coupler was immediately replaced, quarantined and reported by the vigilant member of our scaffold team. On initial inspection the coupler had sheared at the gate hinge pin lug.

Further inspections took place on random couplers contained in the recent batch delivered to site and it was identified that a number of similar and additional defects were present, including:

- Incorrectly positioned lug holes
- Incorrectly tapped nut threads
- Incorrectly dyed bolts threads
- Missing and bent washers

The couplers were supplied by **Altrad Beaver84** and manufactured in China. Markings on the couplers seem to be correct stating **EN74-1 Class BL**. An investigation has been instigated by both KBJV and the Supplier.



### IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Quarantine all tube and clip scaffold pending visual inspection.
- Upon visual inspection remove and replace all double couplers with batch number **BM0218G**
- Re-inspect the scaffold and confirm with the scaffold Foreman.



'We care about you and believe that by working together and choosing to be safe, everyone will go home unharmed every day'. 'No one is going to get hurt here'.