

## Stilts are for circus acts, not building sites.

We are hearing rumours about the introduction of stilts to our industry.

Internationally, laws prohibit the use of stilts in California, New York and Ontario province in Canada.

But here...? Well, we think it's time to acknowledge international best practice, and provide a better level of protection for plasterers.

### What can go wrong when using stilts?

For a start, there's falling over and hitting your head on a concrete slab from 3 metres high!

How would this happen while using stilts?

- Over-balancing and falling
- Falling over while walking backwards
- Falling over while bending to pick up dropped equipment
- Falling over balconies and handrails because rail heights are too low, due to the height of the worker on stilts
- Falling over when stepping on/in floor penetrations
- Falling over building material, electrical leads and debris left on the ground

- Falling over because there is not a suitable or safe mounting/dismounting platform
- Falling over because of fatigue due to long hours of working on stilts
- Falling over when trying to walk on roughed up and unlevelled floor surfaces.

### If you think all the above sounds like a typical construction site – YOU'RE RIGHT!

Construction sites are never perfect. They are never as clean and tidy as they need to be.

There are better and safer ways for plasterers to do their job, other than using stilts. It just requires a bit of planning, a bit of time – and even a bit of money. But what price do you put on safety?

Plasterers are not circus performers. They deserve correct and safe equipment to do their job.

**Leave stilts for circus performers and carnival acts. They are NOT for our industry.**

