

Guidance To Keep Your Site Teams & Sub-Contractors Safe

Following a recent stair collapse we felt obliged to share the findings in order to prevent a repeat of this type of incident. In summary the stair collapse occurred due to an incomplete assembly and incorrect installation: -

- ✗ Flight was lifted into position only part assembled
- ✗ Contractor did not fix glue blocks and wedges to the winder section
- ✗ Stair was fixed with only 3 fixings into plasterboard - so no structural viability or support
- ✗ Stair was not braced at the bottom to stop slippage
- ✗ Operatives scaled the flight prior to fixing into position

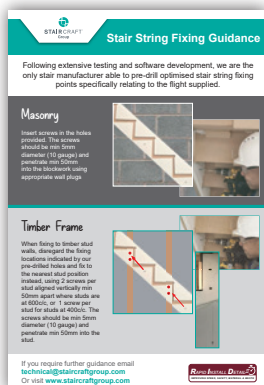
The contractor has taken full responsibility and we are pleased to report serious injury was avoided. The risks of improper fixing should not be underestimated..

DO NOT CLIMB STAIRS UNTIL FULLY FIXED IN POSITION

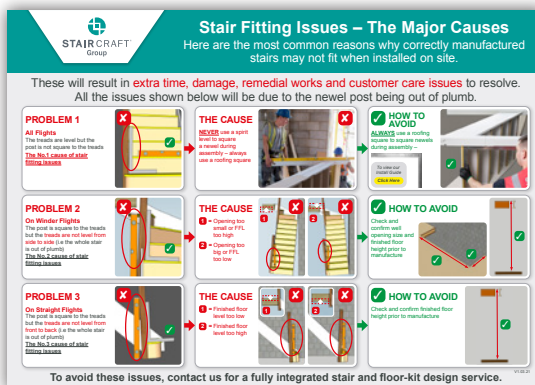


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We created these Guides to keep sites safe, reduce customer call backs and resulting CQRs.



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