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Scaffolding Tip: "Up and Over" Scaffolds

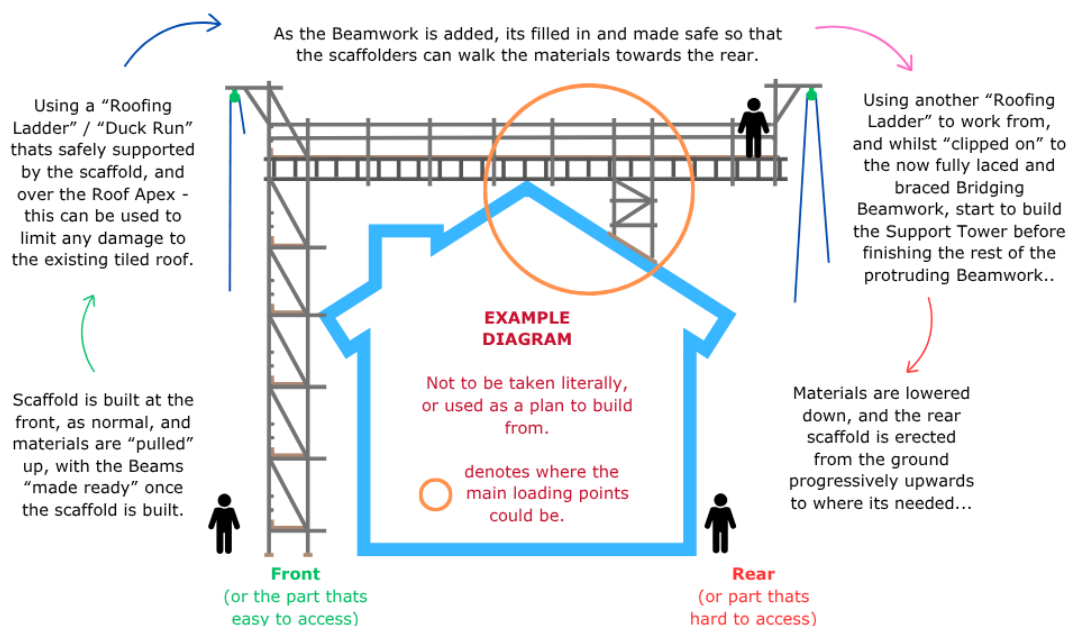
Things to consider when building these (potentially) dangerous scaffolds

Whats an "Up and Over"?

Its a scaffold (on a mid-terraced residential property) thats built up one side (usually the front) as an Independent Scaffold, goes over the apex roof, usually with Bridging Beamwork and is then used by the scaffolders to pass / lower / rope materials down into an area where access to get the materials though to carry on the erect (usually the rear) is restricted due to various reasons.

Old mid-terraced "Townhouses" in inner city areas, like London which have been converted into flats, due to overcrowding and/or to increase social housing are one such place where "**Up and Over**" scaffolds may be the only option to access certain parts of the property to carry out maintenance works.

Please find a very basic **EXAMPLE** diagram (not design) to explain this tricky and possibly dangerous to build scaffold below...



Now, these kinds of scaffolds would usually require a design to work from (as they do not come under TG guidance), due to the possible unknown loadings on the roofs apex, with this diagram to be used as **EXAMPLE ONLY** for those who might need an explanation of how they work. With our recommendation being to work in REVERSE of this during the dismantle process.

Always consult your company **RAMS** and make sure that you have the correct PPE, and a suitable rescue plan in place before proceeding with this potentially dangerous (albeit) pretty common scaffold.

Don't overload the Beams either and **NEVER EVER stand directly under the materials being lowered down** into the restricted access location, duck-in somewhere safe and wait for them. Not very easy to explain or create the example of, but we hope it makes sense / helpful to whoever needs it.