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## Sherpa-scopic Steps

### What happened:

The mark 1 models of the Sherpa-scopic steps have been found to be of insufficient and unsafe design.

The supporting hooks are not robust and can bend, making them ineffective when a person leans against the frame whilst working. This can result in the gate unclipping unexpectedly, leading to a fall from height.

The wheels of the mark 1 model also can become loose and break off making the steps unstable. The mark 1 model has already been banned on Network Rail and London Underground. The mark 2 model has a reinforced frame attached to the wheels and is of an overall enhanced design.



The mark 2 model Sherpa-scopic steps

### Future Considerations:

- The mark 1 model should **not be used** on any Crossrail works
- Use of the more robust, mark 2 model is permitted where other suitable methods or controls cannot be used and working from height cannot be designed out.



The reinforced wheels in the mark 2 model



WORKING AT HEIGHT

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