MINIMUM STANDARD

Waste Chutes

SHEMS-MST-DPS-0012

The following Minimum Standard is applicable on all projects

Introduction

Properly constructed and managed waste chutes provide for the safe and effective handling of waste.

The use of waste chutes to remove waste materials from a building/structure must be based on a risk assessment demonstrating that it is the most appropriate method.

In all cases the use of a waste chute is classed as temporary works and the requirements of the SHEMS-STD-GR-048 Temporary Works Standard must be followed.

Planning

The selection and fixing arrangements of the chute will impose loadings on the structure/building to which it is fixed. The design must therefore consider the following:

- Height of chute required
- Number of loading access points required
- Gross weight of the chute assembly
- The nature of the material to be removed, size, weight, velocity of fall
- Manufacturer's instructions (if a proprietary chute is used)

Working platforms **must** be provided to enable the waste to be loaded safely, with adequate means of protection to prevent stray material or persons from falling.

Where there are multiple loading points, a system for preventing simultaneous use will be required and access to these locations must also be restricted when the skip is being exchanged.

Means of denying unauthorised access to the area around the skip/container and preventing the scatter of material and dust must be provided; this can be achieved by provision of suitable barriers and sheeting around the base of the chute/top of the skip or other container.

Procedures are required to accommodate the safe clearance of blockages and exchange of skips/containers.

The installation should be monitored against accidental damage or unauthorised interference.

Competence/Training

All waste chutes **must** be installed, altered or dismantled by competent persons in compliance with the specific design and manufacturers' instructions, using specified winches and components. Do not permit improvisation by use of ropes etc.

All persons using waste chutes are to receive a Toolbox Talk covering manufacturers' instructions regarding the safe use of the equipment.

Documentation

Prior to first use and at least every 7 days thereafter, or following alteration, repair or a blockage, the chute must be inspected by a competent person and records maintained in the PUWER Register.

Further Guidance/Reference

The Hire Association Europe leaflet 1422 rubbish chutes, which should be freely available from your chute supplier, provides general guidance on the safe setting up and operation of these chutes in support of manufacturer's system specific instructions.

Skip Safe purpose–made, multi-function flexible cover that fits completely over skips (as shown above) visit www.skipsafe.co.uk

WASTE CHUTE CHECKLIST

Project:

Contract No: Date:

Name of Person Undertaking check or safety Monitoring:

	Check	Complete	
1	Is a rubbish chute the most appropriate method of removing waste from a building/structure?	✓	x
2	Has a risk assessment been prepared and reviewed?	✓	x
3	Has the method statement for its use been evaluated and approved?	✓	x
4	If applicable, are the manufacturer's instructions available?	✓	x
5	Have all components been checked and fit for purpose?	✓	x
6	Has the installer's competence been verified?	✓	x
7	Have permissions been sought for fixing/anchorage arrangements on existing buildings?	✓	x
8	Is a design necessary for attachment to the building/structure?	✓	x
9	Are correct components supplied for primary attachment/suspension?	✓	x
10	Is a winch required? Do we need this item?	✓	x
11	Are protective arrangements in place at the skip/receptacle location?	✓	x
12	Has the installation been inspected and recorded in the register?	✓	x
13	Has a monitoring and inspection regime been produced/instigated?	✓	x
14	Are emergency arrangements in place?	✓	x
15	Other issues? (Specify)	✓	x

Signature …….

Date ……..