

BLOCKAGES

1. Take care to prevent blockages by appointing one or more responsible persons to monitor the use of the chute.
2. Make sure the bottom section of the chute is a short distance above the maximum load level in the skip.
3. Any item that has a larger dimension than the diameter of the chute must not be passed down the chute.
4. Change to an empty skip before the one in use becomes overfull.
5. Further use of the chute must be stopped once a blockage has occurred until it has been cleared.
6. Blockages most frequently occur at the bottom section of the chute, because the skip is too full.
7. Blockages must be cleared only under the direct supervision of a competent person, who should make proper arrangements to:
 - support the chute safely;
 - prevent injury from falling material;
 - ensure that all waste material is collected in the skips;
 - provide a safe working platform if needed for clearing blockages partway down the chute;
 - obtain whatever extra equipment is needed to clear the blockage safely.

WARNING !

Never use a blocked rubbish chute. Continuous use when blocked will result in a build up of material increasing the weight of the assembly and applying additional forces to the scaffolding, structure or fixing point/bracket.

USING THE RUBBISH CHUTE

1. Keep a close check on the rubbish chute and all equipment at all times. If any item appears to be damaged, stop using the rubbish chute before inspecting it closely.
2. Do not improvise any replacement for worn or damaged fittings. Only use replacements supplied by the hire company.
3. Make sure that nobody interferes with the rubbish chute, or does anything that is likely to damage it.
4. Do not use the chute to pass down anything that is flammable, or any materials that are hot and may set fire to or damage the chute.
5. A competent person must check any scaffolding once a week. An inspection of the rubbish chute assembly should also be carried out.
6. If the rubbish chute does not work properly, do not try to repair it. Contact the hire company.
7. You may want to read this leaflet again. Please keep it until you have finished work.

Rubbish Chute

READ ENTIRE LEAFLET BEFORE USING RUBBISH CHUTE

There are rules and procedures in force that may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.
This leaflet is not a substitute for a properly executed risk assessment.

1. This leaflet is intended for guidance on the safe setting up and operation of a rubbish chute.
2. A competent person must take responsibility for the safe use of the rubbish chute.
3. This rubbish chute is designed to provide a quick, safe method of transferring rubbish from a roof or similar high place to a rubbish skip at ground level
4. Plan ahead to ensure a safe operation.
5. The following items of personal protective equipment must be worn as a minimum - goggles, dust mask - a minimum of EN149 FFP3(s) protection, safety boots and gloves.
6. This rubbish chute must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. This rubbish chute is designed for erection and use by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.



WORK AREA

1. A competent person should assess the suitability of the structure that the rubbish chute will be fixed to. It must be able to safely support the extra weight imposed by the use of a rubbish chute.
2. If the chute is to be fixed to a scaffold, the scaffold erector must be told in advance that a rubbish chute is to be used in order that provision can be made for it.
3. Confirmation must be sought from the scaffold erector that the scaffold assembly is capable of supporting the rubbish chute and its load and if there is any doubt then the scaffold erector must be present when the chute is being erected.
4. A suitable manual or powered winch will be needed to lift the chute into position as it is assembled. Contact the hire company if this equipment is required.
5. Other persons working nearby and members of the public must be given adequate protection from any danger. This may include the provision of barriers, warning signs, warning lights, and suitable overhead protection from falling debris.
6. There must be a safe working platform at the top of the chute so materials can be placed in the chute without danger of persons falling. Contact the hire company if hopper is required.

OPERATORS

1. The following items of personal protective equipment (PPE) are the minimum that should be worn whenever the equipment is used.
2. Impact resistant goggles must be worn when using this equipment.
3. Appropriate dust mask (minimum EN149 FFP3(s) protection) must be worn when working with material which causes dust.
4. A safety helmet must be worn when working at height and always when working on a construction site.
5. Safety boots must be worn at all times when working with rubbish chute.
6. Gloves must be worn to protect hands.
7. Anyone who is working closeby will also need to wear appropriate PPE.

RUBBISH CHUTE

1. Inspect the rubbish chute and all equipment thoroughly. This should be carried out prior to first use and on a daily basis thereafter.
2. If any problems are encountered with the rubbish chute or other hired equipment – do not use. Contact the hire company immediately

ERECTING THE RUBBISH CHUTE

1. A suitable manual or powered winch should be secured in position to lift the chute vertically.
2. A scaffold frame system, supplied with the chutes, connects to the scaffold and supports the winch and the completed chute assembly. Dependent upon manufacturer, the frame will either attach directly to the scaffold tubing using load bearing couplers or will slot into a special bracket which is attached directly to specially positioned scaffold tubes attached to the scaffold.
3. The safe working load (SWL) of the winch must be sufficient to lift the required number of chute sections.
4. The winch must only be used for lifting and lowering the rubbish chute. It must not be used to support the chute while it is in use.
5. If a long chute is planned to be erected, contact the hire company regarding the maximum number of sections that can be connected together.
6. The chute is assembled by adding sections to the bottom, at ground level. The winch is then used to lift the chute so that the next section can be attached at the bottom.
7. The chute must be securely attached to the scaffold at the top and tied to the scaffold by suitable load bearing supports. These supports must be spaced between 6 metres and 10 metres apart all down the chute.

8. Chains, ropes, and metal fittings and clips that are of suitable strength must be used to attach the chutes.
9. The chute erector should arrange the chute sections so that they are as near vertical as possible.
10. The chute sections should not be allowed to rest on the scaffold if possible.
11. Do not attempt to raise a fully assembled chute from the horizontal position.

DISMANTLING THE RUBBISH CHUTE

1. The chute should be dismantled by reversing the erection procedure.
2. The chute sections should be removed one by one from the bottom and the chute lowered accordingly.
3. Do not attempt to lower the chute until all blockages are cleared, all tie-in points are free and the skip is removed.

WARNING !

Never attempt to remove a rubbish chute from the top or as a complete assembly. The weight can be underestimated resulting in personal injury/fall from height.

