

## SCAFFOLD COLLAPSE DEATH IN SYDNEY

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A young worker has died, and another is fighting for his life after a 17-metre tall scaffolding structure collapsed at a building site at a development project on Epping Road in Macquarie Park Sydney today.

It's believed the scaffolding was in the process of being removed as the project nears its completion

<https://www.news.com.au/national/nsw-act/news/two-workers-trapped-in-major-scaffolding-emergency-in-sydneys-north/news-story/96ff01fa848ea5c029bfe61450721307>

SafeWork New South Wales are onsite and investigating the tragic incident.

Scaffolds are commonly used in construction work so workers have a safe, stable work platform when work can't be done at ground level or on a finished floor. With scaffolding up throughout campus this is a timely reminder that the construction of a scaffold where someone could fall more than two metres is defined as high risk construction work under the model WHS Regulations and requires a SWMS. A SWMS will set out the work method to safely erect, use and dismantle a scaffold.

**Please refer to the UC Contractor Portal for further information.**

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