

Event Brief



**Learning
From
Experience**

Review Learn Improve

Red = Urgent Action Required

Green = For Information

COMBISAFE UNIVERSAL STAIRCASES

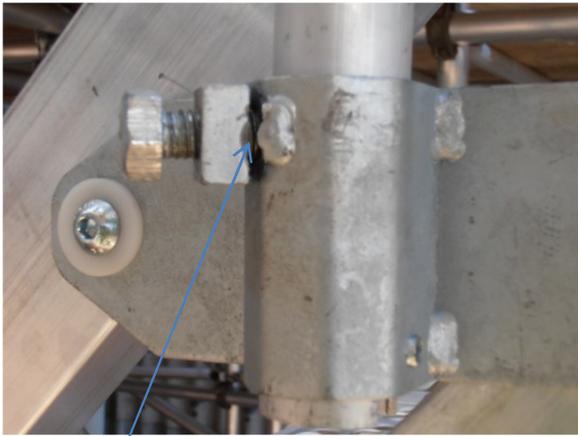
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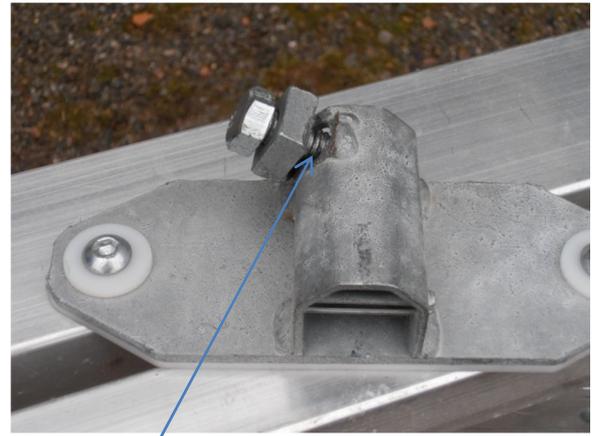
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Summary:

During the fitting of Combisafe staircases, the bolt which secures the handrail within the bracket failed at the weld on two staircases.



Failed Weld



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The handrail slots into the bracket and is retained by tightening the bolt. The handrail will remain in place even when the securing bolt fails since the securing bolt only prevents the handrail from being lifted out of the bracket.

Fast Learning from this event:

Check your Combisafe staircases for similar failures of the handrail securing bolt.

Key Issues:

Does your scaffold inspection include checking of the staircases and handrails.

Actions Taken:

Damaged Combisafe staircase sections removed from service.

Combisafe staircase supplier informed of the failure and manufacturer to be contacted.