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Technical Briefing

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The Everyman Guide for Scaffolders: Flame Retardant Standards

What you need to know and why saving money on "FR" sheeting could cost you thousands of pounds

When do you need to use Flame Retardant (FR) sheeting?

- If the value of the project is £2.5 million or more
- If it is a small project that is part of a bigger development with a value of more than £2.5 million
- If a risk assessment determines a fire risk



POWERCLAD® Scaffold Sheetting

Powerclad FR Scaffold Sheetting is approved by LPCB to LPS 1215 and 1207 for both non-printed and printed sheetting. Only two manufacturers in the UK have this recognised third party accreditation, and ITP has more than 25 years of flame retardant expertise.

FR Sheetting: The Real Thing

Cheaper scaffold sheetting is available, claiming to be flame retardant.

ONLY scaffold sheetting that is printed with one of these logos (confirming that it has been independently tested and approved by the two recognised bodies in the UK) meet the requirements of The Association of British Insurers and the **Joint Code of Practice on the Protection from Fire of Construction Sites and Buildings Undergoing Renovation (JCC)**.

No logo in the ID strip? No ID strip? No test certificate from LPCB or Exova Warringtonfire? Then the sheetting is NOT approved FR sheetting for British insurers and the JCC.



For compliance, approved FR scaffold sheetting must clearly display the logo of a third-party accreditation body.

- ✓ LPS 1215 / LPS 1207
TS 63 / TS 62
- ✓ BRE/LPCB
Exova Warrington
- ✗ FR "Passed"
FR "Compliant"
- ✗ Unidentified lab results
Overseas testing bodies

Why it matters

Although the JCC is not a legal requirement, failure to comply could result in uninsured losses and in insurance ceasing to be available or withdrawn. In addition, many insurers will not offer insurance where the major contractors are not adopting the Code. Non-compliance could be very, very expensive.

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