ONLY FITTINGS MARKED 'FCO' MAY HAVE THIS PROBLEM

Safety Alert
The scaffold team has raised a safety alert with regards to **new double couples** supplied to site Marked ‘FCO’

Whilst the scaffolders where installing scaffolding on the capping beam on a MVB site
They noticed when tightening the fitting the nut and washer was not sitting correctly.
The more the fitting was tightened the more the securing bolt moved laterally, and this made the fitting unsafe.

Due to supply and demand issues the supplier out sourced the fittings from their normal suppliers, even though the fittings they had purchased had the necessary markings and looked identical to the original fitting, there was an unseen fault

Action taken
The scaffolding installation was stopped and all the fittings checked, exiting fitting where deemed ok only the new fitting marked FCO had the fault.
The suppliers representative attended site and was given a practical demonstration of the fault.
The supplier has now looked at their own internal quality control checking procedure for the new stock they receive and have made this more robust
Supplier replaced scaffolding to site which was checked on arrival as being safe to use.

Key Learning Points

- The scaffold teams professionalism and experience has been invaluable in this incident with the speed in which they highlighted the issue on a serious safety issue
- The supplies have made their inspection regime more robust to prevent reoccurrence
- The daily check before you use ethic is some think that should be used by all

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