

## Description of incident:

The scaffolding team on a North Sea installation observed a loose scaffold board on a habitat roof. An intervention was made before any harm could be caused because of the work environment conditions, e.g. adverse weather.

The Scaffolding Focal Point observed the incorrect single coupler for securing scaffold boards had been utilised hence the reason the board was loose.

## Lessons Learned:

Scaffolding personnel must ensure they are in possession of and use the correct equipment/tools for the job at all times. Whilst both couplers below are fit for purpose, only the coupler on the right of Figure 1 with the curved lip should be used for securing scaffold boards.



Figure 1

## 7<sup>CS</sup> OF SAFETY

### CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Review your work team and highlight any changes to your supervisor.

Acknowledge that some of your work team may be distracted and may not see the change.

Ensure sufficient time has been taken to discuss what the impact of these changes may cause, and the responding actions agreed.

Ensure that the change has been understood by the work team, reinforce the practice of STOP work authority.