

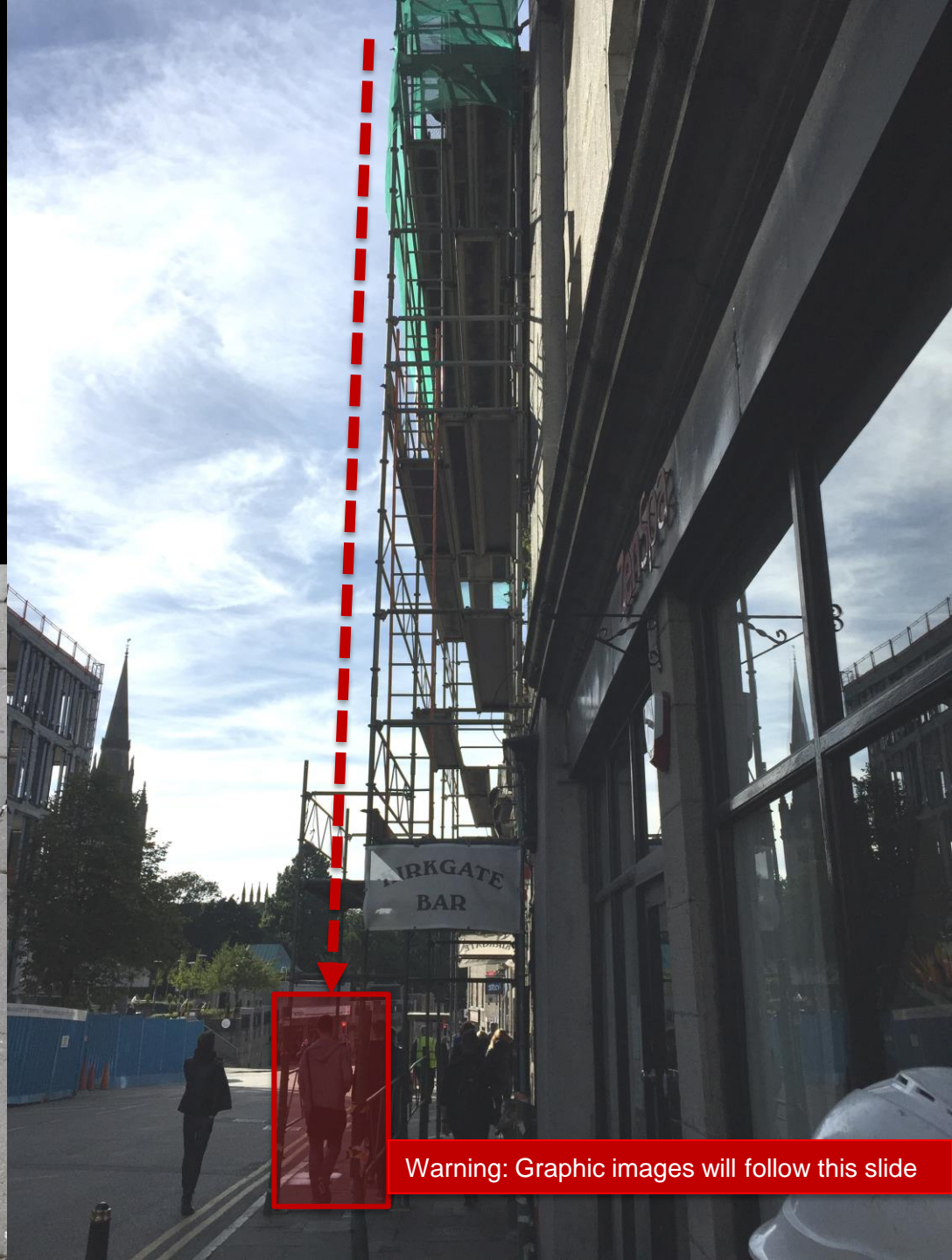
One Incident Many Lessons



DROPS

Incident Overview

- Upperkirkgate, Aberdeen
- Monday 3rd October 2016, 13.00hrs
- 4 storey scaffolding erected for ongoing renovations
- IPs (2No.) walking under outer scaffold
- Roof slate dropped from top of scaffold



Warning: Graphic images will follow this slide



Struck IP1 on right shoulder

- Deflected onto IP2 right calf
- IP1 suffered abrasion / bruising to right shoulder
- IP2 suffered deep gash to right calf requiring four stitches





Immediate Actions

- Roofing contractor requested to halt operations
- Police informed
- Incident reported to HSE
- Police cordoned off scaffold and provided pedestrian walkway on road
- HSE suspended all work on site pending investigation

HSE Investigation ongoing (early findings)

- Incorrect procedure (too many slates on scaffold boards)
- Incorrect layout of ladder hatches (in alignment instead of staggered)
- Inadequate, poorly installed netting around scaffold

Personal Considerations

- Look up, perform personal assessment of scaffold and immediate vicinity
- Are operations underway on scaffold?
- Is scaffold enclosed with netting or similar?
- Is there an alternative route?