

## Circular 446: Importance of Reviewing Formwork and Masonry Block support

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Dear Contractors and Consultants,

As part of our commitment to enhance safety measures on construction sites and ensure compliance with industry standards, we want to emphasize that it is extremely critical to review and adhere to proper procedures when setting up formwork and masonry block support during excavation activities.

The following guidelines are provided to ensure safety at our construction sites and mitigate the potential for accidents and regulatory non-compliance. Non-adherence to the guidelines may result in sanctions and the suspension of construction activities:

- 1. Consultants to ensure approval of formwork and masonry block support:** Consultants bear the responsibility of ensuring that all masonry block support and formwork utilized on our construction sites are approved in strict accordance with project specifications and building & construction guidelines. It is imperative that these constructions meet safety requirements and faithfully adhere to the approved design. Consultants are expected to carry out meticulous assessments and evaluations to confirm compliance before the commencement of construction.
- 2. Contractors shall not commence formwork and masonry block support without consultant approval:** Contractors are hereby reminded that they are strictly prohibited from initiating any formwork and masonry block support activities related to foundation and basement masonry block works without first obtaining explicit approval from the consultant overseeing the project. This approval must be secured in writing and encompass all essential details pertaining to the formwork and masonry block support design, materials, and installation process.

**3. Consultants shall ensure compliance with approved designs:** Consultants play a pivotal role in ensuring that all formwork and masonry block support are constructed with unwavering fidelity to the approved designs. Any deviations or modifications must be immediately reported and subsequently authorized by the consultant. This responsibility extends to regular site inspections to confirm that construction aligns meticulously with the design specifications.

For any queries, please call Customer Care on 800-4-DDA (332) or via [Connect With Us](#).

Regards,

Dubai Development Authority