

## **10 Mezzanine Floor Breakers Guaranteed to Save you Money**

- 1) Your mezzanine floor can place a point load of 8 tonnes on your concrete floor slab.
- 2) If you enclose it, you have to have it fire rated.
- 3) Slide out gates are no longer acceptable as safe floor access systems for loading purposes.
- 4) Cat ladders are useless for removing injured people.
- 5) For stability, floors are usually braced. This is either angle or flats tying the base of the column to the top of an adjacent column to form an 'x' shape. It can span 3m to 6m or so at a wall but not in front of a shelf or a doorway.
- 6) Pallet trucks destroy chipboard decks.
- 7) You cannot put pallet racking or shelving straight on to chipboard fully loaded, it may go straight through the deck.
- 8) Second hand floors are completely unregulated. They do require building regulations and 9 out of 10 don't comply, have no calculations for the application and manufacturers will NOT help you put them right!
- 9) 450 kgs/sq.m. is a normal load. 1000 kgs. is a high load. Most pallets take over 1000 kgs and shelves up to 3 tonnes and pallet racking is 15 tonnes.
- 10) Used floors are only 20% cheaper than new, its not uncommon to pay more for used than new and then fail building control.