As far as practicable, the truss-out bamboo scaffold should be designed/ certified by a professional engineer. If not, the contractor must take the following interim safety measures:

When working on a truss-out bamboo scaffold, it is necessary to make available an independent lifeline for each worker and provide workers with safety harnesses. Effective measures should also be taken to ensure that the workers wear the safety harnesses and attach them to independent lifelines with fall arresters when working on the scaffold.

Other Relevant Publications
1. Code of Practice for Bamboo Scaffolding Safety
2. Safety Hints on Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolding (Chinese version only)
3. Guidance Notes on Renovation Safety
5. Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems

Enquiries
If you wish to enquire about these Guidance Notes or require advice on occupational safety and health matters, please contact the Occupational Safety and Health Branch of the Labour Department through:

Telephone: 2509 2207 (auto-recording service available outside office hours)
Fax: 2915 1410
E-mail: enquiry@labour.gov.hk

Information on the services offered by the Labour Department and on major labour legislation is also available on our website at http://www.labour.gov.hk.

For details on the services offered by the Occupational Safety and Health Council, please call 2739 0000.

Complaints
If you have any complaints about unsafe workplaces and work practice, please call the Labour Department’s occupational safety and health complaint hotline at 2542 2172. All complaints will be treated in the strictest confidence.
A truss-out bamboo scaffold is commonly used as a working platform for external renovation and removal of illegal structures on a building.

This type of scaffold must be designed by professional engineers and erected, altered or dismantled by trained workmen with adequate experience under the immediate supervision of a competent person.

Worker must wear a safety harness when erecting, altering or dismantling a truss-out bamboo scaffold.

Safety harness must be attached to an independent lifeline examined to be safe by a professional engineer. It must not be secured to any window frame, window hinge or insecure anchorage point.