

SCAFFOLDING SAFETY CHECKLIST

SAFETY TALK

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Always erect scaffolding according to the manufacturer's recommendations and enforce safety rules while you work. Be the leader among your work crew. Your actions may save a life.

WHAT TO AVOID

Many scaffolding accidents can be prevented. Here are a few common causes of scaffolding falls:

1. Hastily erecting scaffolds
2. Standing on an overhanging plank
3. Stepping in the opening between staging planks
4. Stepping from ladders to scaffold platforms
5. Not using guardrails
6. Moving rolling scaffolds with workers on top
7. Scaffold planking failure

Many serious accidents are also caused by falling debris — either from scaffolds or onto scaffolds. Prevent accidents by keeping work areas clear and providing overhead protection for the scaffold.

CHECKLIST

- Do planks overhang by less than 12 inches?
- Is the maximum spacing between planks 1 inch?
- Do ladders extend at least 36 inches above the platform level?
- Are guardrails erected around the entire perimeter of the scaffolding 38 to 45 inches above the platform?
- Are workers allowed to ride on moving scaffolding?
- Are scaffolding planks in good condition?
- Are toeboards provided around the exterior edges of the scaffold?
- Are all ropes, cables, chains, or other holding devices on your swinging scaffolds checked for weakness from normal wear?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What safety practice does our team need to improve on?
2. Are there any specific points or problems you wish to discuss?

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