

Scaffolding is a temporary structure used on indoor and outdoor work sites as walking or working surface for work crews to assist in maintenance, construction, and repair. When constructed and used properly, scaffolds provide a safe platform to complete work at heights and areas that would be otherwise difficult to reach.



OSHA Standard 1926.451(g)(1) states *each employee on a scaffold more than 10 feet (3.1 m) above a lower level shall be protected from falling to that lower level.*

While working at heights of 10 feet or more on scaffolding, employees must wear personal fall protection, such as a body harness, and/or ensure a guardrail is in place.

- Employees shall not climb cross braces or end frames, unless end frames are designed to be climbed.
- An access ladder, stair tower or equivalent safe access shall be provided for all scaffolding.
- Do not use ladders or makeshift devices on top of scaffolds to increase height.
- Employees are prohibited from working on scaffolds covered with snow, ice, or other slippery materials, except to remove these substances.
- Do not jump on planks or platforms.
- Do not load a scaffold in excess of its rated working load.
- Do not move any scaffold while employees are on them.
- Do not mix scaffold components or force pieces to fit together when building the scaffold. This can severely compromise the strength of the scaffolding system.
- Lock casters and wheels when scaffold is in place.

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