

# BE CAREFUL UP THERE.

**Construction falls**  
*(in 2016 WCF statistics)*

**248**

**Average lost days for  
construction falls** *(in 2016)*

**74**

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**What is wrong with  
this picture?**

*See back for guidelines.*

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## Some Fixed Scaffold Safety Requirements / Guidelines



**OSHA Definition: “Scaffold” means any temporary elevated platform (supported or suspended) and its supporting structure (including points of anchorage), used for supporting employees or materials or both.**

- Scaffold inspected before each work shift by the scaffold competent person.
- Only authorized employees who are adequately trained work from scaffolds.
- Fall protection in the form of standard guardrail systems provided on all working levels at 10 feet or above the scaffold base.
- Top rail (guardrail) – 38 to 45 inches above the scaffold walking/working surface.
- Supports 200 lbs.
- Mid-rail – Mid way between the top rail and the scaffold walking/working surface.
- Supports 150 lbs.
- Work platforms on all scaffolds fully planked & set or attached to adequate supports.
- Scaffolds set on firm & level foundation.
- All scaffold legs rest on base plates; mudsills must also be used if set on ground or asphalt.
- All scaffold legs rest on base plates if set on concrete or other similar firm foundation.
- Unstable materials not used to support or level scaffold. Never use blocks, bricks or related materials to support or level scaffolds.
- Avoid mixing of scaffold components from different manufacturers.
- All cross bracing in place and firmly attached at all ends of bracing. No bent or broken cross braces.
- Supports firmly attached.
- Supports pinned to prevent uplift.
- All workers working from scaffolding must wear hardhats.
- Falling object protection provided, when appropriate, on all scaffold platforms above 10 feet.
- Toe boards or a controlled access zone established for falling object protection.
- Toe boards provided on both the front and back edge of the scaffold where workers must walk under the scaffold to access/egress a building or other area.
- Toe boards, when used, are at least 3-1/2 inches high.
- Larger objects set back away from outer edge of scaffold work platform and secured.
- No overloading of scaffolds. Scaffold and scaffold components capable of supporting, without failure, its own weight and at least 4 times the maximum intended load applied or transmitted to it.
- Workers do not use cross bracing to climb or access scaffolding.
- End rails used to access scaffold only when they are designed and constructed to be used as a ladder.
- Stepladders not used for scaffold access.
- Tag lines used to handle swinging loads.
- Hook on & Attachable Ladders – Specifically designed for the scaffold. Minimum rung length of 11-1/2 inches. Maximum spacing between rungs of 16-3/4 inches
- No unprotected power lines within 10 feet.
- Tool hoists used to raise and lower larger tools.
- Do not stand on objects or makeshift devices to gain height.
- Do not stand on mid-rail or top rail to gain height.
- Do not stand on ladders to gain height. Ladders used on large area scaffolds only.
- Maintain good housekeeping on all scaffold platforms and walkways to avoid/reduce employee exposure to slip and trip hazards.
- Workers not allowed on scaffolds during high winds.
- Workers not allowed on scaffolds during snow or ice storms except to perform removal of snow and/or ice. Snow and ice removed from scaffolds before workers are allowed to work from scaffolds.
- Slippery materials removed from scaffolds before workers are allowed to work from scaffolds.
- When a supported scaffold reaches a height that is more than 4X its minimum base dimension (4:1), it must be restrained by guys, ties or braces to prevent tipping.