

Scaffolding

Use this list to help ensure that your subcontractor's safety program is effective

Scaffolding Safety



Competent Person on-site

- ❖ **Inspect daily**
- ❖ **Responsible for all scaffold safety rules and use**



Firm Foundation

- ❖ **Use 2"x10"x18" boards under base plates**
- ❖ **Do not use hollow concrete blocks or other unstable materials for foundations; avoid plywood.**



10 Foot rule

- ❖ **Workers above 10 feet must be protected from falls with guardrails on the side and end of the work platforms.**



Bracing Scaffolding:

- ❖ **Brace with guy wires or tie into walls when scaffold exceeds height of 4:1 minimum base dimension (usually three working platforms and higher are required to be braced).**
- ❖ **Brace at horizontal spacing of 30 feet.**
- ❖ **Double bracing when scaffolding is enclosed by fire retardent plastic used during cold weather.**



Fully planked working platforms are required:

- ❖ **No more than 1 inch between planks**
- ❖ **No more than 9.5 inches on the guardrail side of the platform.**



Worker Access to scaffolding:

- ❖ **No climbing braces**
- ❖ **Portable Ladders should be tied off and extend three feet above landing**
- ❖ **Integrated scaffold ladder rungs can be used if they are not more than 17 inches apart.**



Power Lines

- ❖ **Stay 10 feet away minimum**
- ❖ **Have lines de-energized, moved, or insulated if needed to use scaffolding nearby.**