



# SAFETY BRIEF

## STAYING SAFE AROUND SCAFFOLDS

Falls are the leading cause of construction worker deaths, accounting for about 40% of all fatalities in construction each year. Many of these falls are from scaffolds. Stay safe with these tips.

### SCAFFOLD SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure you have received training before using a scaffold
- Always wear your hard hat when working on or around a scaffold
- If fall arrest systems are required, thoroughly inspect the equipment for damage and wear before use
- Ensure all supported scaffolds are sitting on steady foundations
- Brace supported scaffold poles, legs, posts, frames and uprights to prevent swaying
- Stabilize the inboard ends of a suspension scaffold with a direct connection to the floor or roof deck
- Check all connections before using a suspension scaffold
- Inspect suspension ropes before each shift and report any damages
- Do not use gasoline-powered equipment and hoists on suspension scaffolds
- Always secure two-point and multipoint suspension scaffolds to prevent swaying
- Never place a load on the scaffold that exceeds the maximum weight capacity
- Make sure screens or toe boards are in place to prevent objects from falling off
- Notify a supervisor immediately if the scaffold appears to be damaged in any way



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