



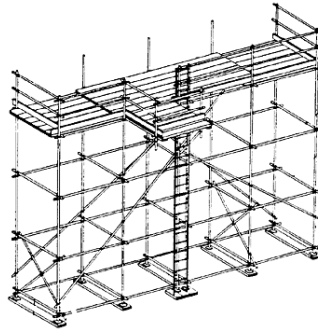
REFRESHER TRAINING

TOPIC: SCAFFOLDS - BASIC REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCTION:

1. Review any accidents or “near misses” from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the toolbox training topic as it relates to your project or workplace. Explain or demonstrate the safest way to do the job.

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2020 there were 52 fatalities related to scaffolding. These fatalities were due to planking or scaffolding giving way, workers being struck by overhead hazards, or falls from scaffolds. Working on scaffolds requires a great amount of forethought and awareness of safety procedures. The biggest hazards related to working on scaffolds are falls, scaffold collapse, injury due to falling objects, and electrocution when working around power lines.



SAFE PRACTICES:

- A scaffold must be capable of supporting its own weight as well as 4 times the maximum intended load.
- Always stand firmly on the platform. Do not use ladders or other means of gaining height for work position.
- Planks must fully cover platforms on all working levels.
- If an access point is 2 feet or more above a lower level, a ramp, ladder or steps must be provided.
- Fall protection must be provided if the scaffold is 10 feet or more above a lower level. Fall protection may take the form of guardrails, personal fall arrest systems, or both.
- Guardrails should be installed on all open sides of the scaffold. Install top rails so that the distance from the working level is between 38 and 45 inches. Midrails shall be installed halfway between the working surface and toprail.
- Toe-boards should be installed on all open sides of a scaffold above a lower working level and should reach a height of at least 3.5 inches.
- Scaffolds should be kept at least 10 feet away from overhead energized power lines.
- Supported scaffolds with a height of more than 4 times the width of the base, should be restrained from tipping through the use of ties, guys, and/or braces. Secure scaffolding every 20 feet horizontally.



TRAINING RECORD

DATE: _____ TRAINER: _____

TOOLBOX TOPIC: SCAFFOLDS – BASIC REQUIREMENTS

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Trainer Signature: _____ Date: _____