

Tool Talk
SCAFFOLDING
(Ten Rules to
Live By)

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1. **Scaffolds:** *DESIGNED* by *QUALIFIED* people
ERECTED by *COMPETENT* people
USED by *TRAINED* people
Inspect it everyday it is in use!

2. The Rule of Junk: If it looks like junk – IT IS JUNK.
3. LOOK UP! Locate and mark power lines BEFORE starting erection. Stay at LEAST 10 feet from power lines (over 50 kv-15 ft.) or have them moved, turned or sleeved.
4. LOOK DOWN! Check soil conditions: compaction, frozen or erosion.
5. No wheels? Use BASEPLATES. Not on concrete? Use MUDSILLS.
6. No barrels, boxes, bricks or blocks for supports. MORE THAN 4:1 height to width requires guys, bracing or tying to structure.
7. ACCESS: How do I get workers and tools up safely? Ladder – or are they climbing the braces? Each step or rung must be less than 16 ¾” for built in ladders. *Watch 1st step!*
8. RAILS: Top and mid – and toe boards or limited access zone.
9. Beware of many colors and different manufacturers. They may not fit together.
10. FULLY plank working level with SCAFFOLD GRADE planks.

Every worker that sets foot on a scaffold MUST be trained. Articulated boom lifts (JLGs) are covered under Subpart L as scaffolds. Workers in the bucket need a **AFT** harness and lanyard.

ARE YOU USING THE PROPER FALL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT? WHAT ARE YOU TIED TO? HAVE YOU CALCULATED THE FALL?

QUESTIONS: 1. Is it okay to have missing planks on a shelf I am working from? Yes No
How often do I need to inspect my scaffold? _____
(Checklist are available in the shop or from Mike)

WHAT UNSAFE OPERATIONS DID YOU FIND ON YOUR JOBSITE THIS WEEK?

What Corrective action was taken? _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____