

***Tool Talk***  
**SCAFFOLDING**  
**(Ten Rules to Live By)**

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Tool Talk #15

**SCAFFOLDS**

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

1. The Rule of Junk: If it looks like junk – IT IS JUNK.
2. 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.
3. LOOK DOWN! Check soil conditions: compaction, frozen or erosion.
4. No wheels? Use baseplates. Not on concrete? Use MUDSILLS.
5. No barrels, boxes, bricks or blocks for supports. More than 4:1 height to width requires guys, bracing or tying to structure.
6. ACCESS: How do I get workers and tools up safely? Ladder – or are they climbing the braces?
7. RAILS: Top and mid – and toe boards or limited access zone.
8. Beware of many colors and different manufacturers. They may not fit together.
9. FULLY plank working level with SCAFFOLD GRADE planks.
10. If the scaffold is not ready for access it needs to be TAGGED *UNDER CONSTRUCTION!*

**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 harness and lanyard.

*ARE YOU USING THE PROPER FALL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT? WHAT ARE YOU TIED TO? HAVE YOU CALCULATED THE FALL? IF LESS THAN 15' YOU SHOULD BE USING SELF-RETRACTABLES.*

- QUESTIONS:**
1. Is it okay to remove planks to create a shelf to work from? Yes No
  2. How often do I need to inspect my scaffold? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Who is a competent person on my jobsite for inspections? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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***What Corrective action was taken?*** \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Attended By \_\_\_\_\_  
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Supervisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_