

Scaffolding Self-Inspection Checklist

Date of Inspection: _____

Jobsite Location: _____

Signature of Inspector: _____

	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1. Does each scaffold and scaffold component support (without failure) its own weight and at least 4 times the maximum intended load? (Note: The stall load of any scaffold hoist must not exceed 3 times its rated load.)				
2. Are all working levels on scaffolds fully planked or decked between the front uprights and the guardrail supports?				
3. Are scaffold platform spaces 1 inch or less between adjacent units and the uprights? (Note: Spaces up to 9 ½ inches wide are permitted around uprights. If platforms are used only as walkways or during erecting or dismantling, the employer may establish the space between planking as necessary to provide safe working conditions.)				
4. Are all scaffolding platforms at least 18 inches wide? (Note: Scaffold platforms less than 18 inches wide are permitted if wider platforms are not possible. However, students and employees who use these platforms must be protected by guardrails or personal fall arrest systems.)				
5. Is the distance between the front edge of the scaffold platform and the face of the work 14 inches or less, unless guardrail systems are put along the front edge or personal fall arrest systems are used? (Note: Exceptions are permitted under special situations. Consult the OSHA regulations for details. The maximum distance from the face for plastering and latching operations is 18 inches.)				



<p>6. Does the end of each scaffold platform extend over the centerline of its support at least 6 inches unless cleated or otherwise restrained by hooks or equivalent means?</p>				
<p>7. If the scaffold platform is 10 feet or less in length, does the end of the scaffold platform extend 12 inches or less over its support? (Note: The end of the scaffold platform may extend more than 12 inches over its support if the platform is designed and installed so that the cantilevered portion of the platform can support workers or materials without tipping, or a guardrail blocks worker access to the cantilevered end.)</p>				
<p>8. On scaffolds where planks are abutted to form a long platform, does each plank end rest on a separate support surface? (Note: Common support members, such as "T" sections may be used to support abutting planks. Hook-on platforms designed to rest on common supports may also be used.)</p>				
<p>9. On scaffolds where platforms overlap to form a long platform, does the overlap occur over supports?</p>				
<p>10. Is the overlap at least 12 inches unless the platform is nailed together or otherwise restrained to prevent movement?</p>				
<p>11. At points of a scaffold where the platform changes direction, is this procedure followed?: (a) Lay the platform that rests on a bearer at an angle other than a right angle. (b) Lay the platform that rests at right angles over the same bearer, on top of the first platform.</p>				
<p>12. Is it prohibited to cover wood platforms on scaffolds with opaque finishes? (Note: Platform edges may be covered or marked for identification. Wood platforms may be coated periodically with wood preservatives, fire-retardant finishes, and slip-resistant finishes, however the coating may not obscure the top of bottom wood surfaces.)</p>				

13. Do scaffold components from different manufacturers fit together without force and maintain the scaffold's structural integrity?				
14. Are scaffold components from different manufacturers modified ONLY if a competent person determines that the scaffold made of the 'mixed' parts is structurally sound?				
15. Are scaffold components made of dissimilar metals used together ONLY if a competent person has determined that galvanic action will not reduce the strength of any component to an unacceptable level?				
16. Are scaffolds and scaffold components loaded below their maximum intended loads or rated capacities (whichever is less)?				
17. Is the use of shore or lean-to scaffolds prohibited?				
18. Does a competent person inspect scaffolds or scaffold components for visible defects before each work shift, and after any occurrence that could affect a scaffold's structural integrity?				
19. Are parts of a scaffold that are damaged or weakened immediately repaired, replaced, braced, or removed from service until repaired?				
20. Is the horizontal movement of a scaffold prohibited while workers are on the scaffold (unless the scaffold is designed for movement by a registered professional engineer, or is a mobile scaffold meeting OSHA standards?)				
21. Are scaffolds erected, moved, dismantled, or altered only under the supervision and direction of a competent person qualified in scaffold erection, moving, dismantling, or alteration?				
22. Are scaffolds erected, moved, dismantled, or altered only by experienced and trained employees selected for such work by the competent person?				
23. Is it prohibited to work on scaffolds covered with snow, ice, or other slippery material, except as necessary to remove such materials?				
24. If swinging loads are hoisted onto or near scaffolds, are tag lines or equivalent measures used to control the loads?				

25. Is working on scaffolds during storms or high winds prohibited unless a competent person has determined that it is safe for workers to be on the scaffold and workers are protected by a personal fall arrest system or wind screens?				
26. Is debris removed from platforms?				
27. Are makeshift devices, such as boxes and barrels, prohibited on scaffold platforms for increasing the working level height?				
28. Is it prohibited to use ladders on scaffolds to increase the working level height?				

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