

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

SAFETY MEETING OUTLINES Box 700, Frankfort, IL 60423 815-464-0200 No. 17 Vol. 21 Week of 4/24/2023

Company Name _____ Job Name _____ Date _____

SCAFFOLDING

OSHA's new scaffolding standards, which began taking effect in November of 1996, include a great many revisions, additions, and clarifications. Some of the changes deal with the duties and responsibilities of individuals. Today we will discuss the roles of three people: the competent person, the qualified person, and you. When you are working on or near scaffolding, the people who fill these roles are vital to your safety and welfare.

The **competent person** is one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings, or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees; and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them. This person will select and direct employees who erect, move, alter, and dismantle scaffolds. The competent person will train these employees in the hazards associated with this work, and determine the feasibility of providing fall protection for them. He or she is also responsible for formally inspecting scaffolds, determining whether it is safe to work on or from scaffolds in high winds and storms, and various other duties.

The **qualified person** is associated with the design of the scaffold and related components. OSHA says that a qualified person is "one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated his/her ability to solve or resolve problems related to the subject matter, the work, or the project." Note that simply having built scaffolds is not sufficient to make you a qualified person. This person is responsible for designing the scaffold and specifying both its capacity and how it is to be loaded. He or she can design rigging for certain types of suspension scaffolds, and can also design other scaffold components for special uses or circumstances. The qualified person will train you in the proper use of scaffolds, and in how to recognize and avoid scaffolding hazards.

You are the person directly responsible for your safety when you are working on a scaffold. Since the competent person cannot watch and check all of the scaffolding each and every minute, **you** must pay attention. If you notice a hazard, report it to the right person – don't assume that the competent person will notice it just because you did! Make sure the hazard gets corrected before you or someone else gets hurt. For complete details on all aspects of scaffolding safety, check Subpart L, 29 CFR 1926.450 - .454.

SAFETY REMINDER

If you don't know – ASK!
If you think it's a hazard – FIND OUT!

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____