

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

SAFETY MEETING OUTLINES

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Company Name _____ Job Name _____ Date _____

SCAFFOLDS

A scaffold is any temporary elevated platform (supported or suspended) and its supporting structure (including points of anchorage), used for supporting employees, materials, or both. OSHA issued a revised scaffold rule in November 1996 that concentrates on safe work practices for those who use scaffolds. The standard requires that a competent person, who has had adequate training and scaffold experience, be appointed to supervise erection and to identify any existing and potential hazards. The competent person should inspect platform conditions, framework, the base and supporting surfaces, and all other working parts.

The competent person cannot watch every scaffold all day. By paying attention to the following items you can help keep the scaffolds you use and work around safe.

- Is the scaffold the right type for the job and is it capable of handling the weight requirements?
- Scaffolding must be erected in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Hoisting and rigging equipment should be used to make scaffold erection easier and safer.
- All workers must be trained in scaffold safety.
- The scaffold must be on a sound footing and be vertically, horizontally, and diagonally cross-braced.
- The scaffold must be fully planked and planks should extend 6-12 inches beyond their supports.
- Scaffold grade lumber or the equivalent is required.
- Safe access must be provided.
- All guardrails, mid rails, and toeboards must be in place.
- Scaffold surfaces are to be kept clear of debris and unnecessary materials.
- The scaffold must be attached, or tied back, to the building when required.
- Defective parts are to be tagged "Out of Service" and repaired or discarded.

Although the rule has been in force for over three years, violations and accidents are still very common. In fact, three of the ten most frequently cited standards in 1999 were scaffolding standards. You can learn more about scaffold safety by reading OSHA's scaffolding standard which starts at 29 CFR 1926.450.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Never use makeshift devices like boxes or crates
to increase your working height on a scaffold.**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____