

# SCAFFOLDING Safety

## Safe Scaffolding Set-up

- Workers must know the maximum working load and any other information necessary to ensure safe scaffold use.
- Use proper fall protection.
- Carefully follow manufacturer's instructions for safe set-up.
- Do not mix scaffolding components from multiple manufacturers.
- Level and erect the scaffold on a firm foundation with a wood, concrete, or metal sill to ensure stability.
- Anchor scaffolds vertically at no more than 4m intervals, and horizontally at no more than 6m.
- Install cross bracing at all levels and make sure locking devices and ties are secure.
- Set-up a safe distance from power lines and other uninsulated electrical conductors.
- Only competent individuals may erect, maintain, and dismantle the scaffold; and inspect it daily, when in use.
- Make sure planks, decks, toe boards and guardrails are in place, and secure.

## Safe Scaffolding Use

- Use a hoist or rope to move materials to upper levels.
- Do not carry materials when climbing scaffolding.
- Do not allow tools, materials, or debris (grease, dirt, snow, ice) to accumulate on the platform.
- Do not overload the scaffolding with too many people or materials in any one area.
- Make sure there is a safe entrance to all working levels.
- Barricade areas below if there is a chance of items falling from the scaffolding. Make sure there is a control zone for the lifting area.
- Never work on scaffolding during storms or high winds.



For more information, visit our website to review the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations* – Sections 125, 126, 129, 181, and 460(4).