



Berkley Industrial Comp Safety Blast



OSHA Top 10 Most Frequent Cited Violations

OSHA's "Top 10" list provides employers with valuable insight into not only where they may be cited but also where there is a high potential for a workplace incident. It is important to recognize that many injuries and fatalities are preventable. The list varies very little each year, making it good to refresh employees annually and mitigate injuries.



SCAFFOLDING - CONSTRUCTION

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) reported **61 fatalities** occurred in the year 2018 from scaffolds, staging. All of these can be controlled by compliance with OSHA standards.

Scaffolding, also called scaffold or staging, is a temporary structure used to support a work crew and materials to aid in the construction, maintenance, and repair of buildings, bridges, and all other man-made structures.

Tips for Working Safely...

1

Set scaffold on a solid base

Scaffolds must be set up with a solid base, decks that are level, and posts or legs that are plumb. The base of the scaffold must have base plates (often part of the screw jack) and mud sills for added support. It should also have screw jacks for leveling inserted in the legs of the scaffold.

2

Use proper fall protection

If the working deck on your scaffold is 10 ft or higher, OSHA requires you to have some type of fall protection. Fall protection may be a guardrail system or a Personal Fall Arrest System.*

**Proper anchorage point, lanyard and harness.*

3

Check for points of scaffold safety

Before use, a competent person* must check to make sure:

- There is a way to get on and off the scaffold that meets OSHA rules for access.
- Work areas are fully planked or decked.
- Guardrails are installed properly or alternative fall protection is provided.
- Guys and ties to the building are installed properly and in good condition.

**A competent person is someone who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in surroundings and who has authorization to take corrective measures to eliminate hazards. (Source: OSHA)*

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Remember to have the scaffolding inspected daily by a **competent person** and document the inspection. If any unsafe conditions are found during a daily inspection, instruct all employees not to use the scaffolding, tag out the scaffolding and make the necessary correction before allowing employees to use the scaffolding.

The employer must provide training on the type of scaffold you assign to erect, disassemble, or work on. You must train employees to identify dangerous conditions and to work safely.

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