

TOOLBOX TOPICS

SCAFFOLDS

Scaffolds of one type or another are used on construction projects. Proper use of these scaffolds is important to minimize any hazards to co-workers and employees working nearby.

Scaffolds must always be erected, moved, altered or dismantled by trained employees under the supervision of a competent person.

Employees must be trained in the following areas by a competent person:

1. Nature of any electrical, fall & falling object hazards.
2. Correct procedure for addressing these hazards.
3. The proper use of a scaffold, and handling of materials.
4. Maximum intended load and scaffold capacity.

Remember that a "competent person" must inspect scaffold to determine if it is safe prior to each shift or after any incident which could effect it's integrity.

