

Access Scaffolding Safety Checklist

This general checklist to safe working practices is NOT a substitute for acquiring the statutory requirements and information from the relative federal and State Authorities and Departments. The information contained here is taken from the Scaffolding Advisory Standards Checklist 1999. The person(s) erecting, using, dismantling and maintaining Access Scaffolding needs to function with carefulness, commonsense and caution. Only a licensed scaffolder may erect a scaffold over 4 metres high.



Scaffold Vicinity

- Has sufficient public protection been provided?
- Have sufficient safeguards against electric power lines been provided?
- Is there sufficient control over vehicle movement?
- Is there sufficient control over crane operation?



Supporting Structure

- Is the supporting structure in good condition?
- Does the supporting structure have adequate strength?
- Are there sufficient controls to prevent adverse deterioration of the structure?
- Are all methods to strengthen the supporting structure adequate?
- Is the risk of the supporting structure being overloaded from other sources adequately controlled?



Soleboards and Base Plates

- Are there sufficient soleboards?
- Are the soleboards of suitable material and in a serviceable condition?
- Are the soleboards secure?
- Are there sufficient base plates?
- Are the base plates serviceable and of suitable dimension?
- Are the base plates secure?



Scaffold Structure

- Are the standards bearing firmly?
- Are the standards plumb (or as designed)?
- Are the longitudinal spacing correct?
- Are the transverse standard spacing correct?
- Are the joints in standard correctly positioned?
- Are the transoms level (or as designed)?
- Is the bracing adequate?
- Is the scaffold sufficiently stable?
- Are the ties correctly positioned and correctly fixed?



Platforms

- Does the scaffolding have the desired number of work platforms?
- Are the working platforms at the require locations?
- Are catch platforms correctly positioned?
- Are the platforms and supporting scaffolding constructed for the appropriate duty live loads?
- Are the platform dimensions suitable for the intended work?
- Is their adequate edge room?
- Are the platforms correctly constructed?



Access and Egress

- Is there access and egress to all working platforms?
- Are temporary stairways correctly installed?
- Are portable ladders on an industrial grade, serviceable and correctly installed?
- Are access ways and access platforms correctly installed?