



SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Scaffolding
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with erecting and working with scaffolding.
APPLICATION	All scaffolding used shall be erected, maintained and dismantled by a competent worker, in accordance with manufacturers specifications and legislation.
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Permit system Manufacturers specifications Fall protection devices Safe work procedure PPE ERP (Emergency Response Plan)
SELECTION AND USE	As per safe job procedure Manufacturers specifications
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements and training Determine the type of scaffold required
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure grounding on a firm and level base. 2. Maintain the established minimum clearances from all power lines. 3. Provide a safe access ladder. 4. Ensure scaffold has a platform perimeter handrail. 5. Anchor or tie a <i>free standing</i> scaffold according to legislation. 6. Do not use a ladder sloped against the side of a scaffold at any time. 7. A toe board is required on all platforms. 8. Ensure tube and clamp modular construction is utilized. Wood construction is to be used only when absolutely necessary. 9. Ensure proper safe scaffold tags are installed. 10. Utilize a tag line when hoisting material. 11. Minimize tools, material and debris on the platform. 12. Ensure a hand line with a tool bag for tools is utilized. 13. When working at 3m (10 ft.), fall protection system must be used. 14. Follow scaffold safe work procedure step by step.
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