

Scaffolds (Construction)

Instructions: This checklist is intended to help you identify potential hazards in your workplace. The questions are based on applicable Federal OSHA standards. Keep in mind that additional state and local regulations may apply, depending upon your location. Please check one answer for each question. If you select “no,” you should investigate further to determine what corrective action may be needed to address the hazard. You can review the specific OSHA Standards outlined below at www.osha.gov/law-regs.html. Choose “General Industry” or “Construction.”

	Questions	OSHA Regulation	Yes	No	N/A
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1)	Are all scaffold platforms at least 18 inches wide?	1926.451(b)(2)			
2)	Are all working levels on scaffolds fully planked or decked between the front uprights and the guardrail supports?	1926.451(b)(1)			
3)	Are scaffold components from different manufacturers modified ONLY if a competent person determines that the scaffold made of the “mixed” parts is structurally sound?	1926.451(b)(10)			
4)	Are scaffold platform spaces 1 inch or less between adjacent units and the uprights?	1926.451(b)(1)(i)			
5)	Do scaffold components from different manufacturers fit together without force and maintain the scaffold’s structural integrity?	1926.451(b)(10)			
6)	Does each scaffold and scaffold component support (without failure) its own weight and at least 4 times the maximum intended load?	1926.451(a)(1)			
7)	Does the end of each scaffold platform extend over the centerline of its support at least 6 inches unless cleated or otherwise restrained by hooks or equivalent means?	1926.451(b)(4)			
8)	Is it prohibited to cover wood platforms on scaffolds with opaque finishes?	1926.451(b)(9)			
9)	Is the distance between the front edge of the scaffold platform and the face of the work 14 inches or less, unless guardrail systems are put along the front edge, or personal fall arrest systems are used?	1926.451(b)(3)			

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10)	On scaffolds where planks are abutted to form a long platform, does each plank end rest on a separate support surface?	1926.451(b)(6)			
11)	On scaffolds where platforms overlap to form a long platform, does the overlap occur over supports?	1926.451(b)(7)			

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