

Scaffolds: General Requirements (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 hook-on and attachable ladders designed for the scaffold in use?	1926.451(e)(2)(iv)			
2)	Are hook-on and attachable ladders positioned so the bottom rung is not more than 24 inches above the scaffold supporting level?	1926.451(e)(2)(ii)			
3)	Are ladders, stairs, ramps, or walkways provided to access scaffold platforms more than 2 feet above or below a point of access?	1926.451(e)(1)			
4)	Are portable, hook-on, and attachable ladders positioned to prevent the scaffold from tipping?	1926.451(e)(2)(i)			
5)	Do hook-on and attachable ladders have rung length of at least 11 1/2 inches?	1926.451(e)(2)(v)			
6)	Do ramps and walkways 6 feet or more above lower levels have guardrails?	1926.451(e)(5)(i)			
7)	Do stairway-type ladders have rest platforms at 12 foot maximum vertical intervals?	1926.451(e)(3)(ii)			
8)	Do stairway-type ladders have slip-resistant treads on all steps and landings?	1926.451(e)(3)(iv)			
9)	During erecting and dismantling of supported scaffolds, are hook-on or attachable ladders installed as soon as they can be used safely?	1926.451(e)(9)(ii)			

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10)	During erecting and dismantling of supported scaffolds, does a competent person provide and evaluate safe means of access?	1926.451(e)(9)(i)			
11)	During erecting and dismantling of supported scaffolds, is it prohibited to use the cross braces on tubular welded frame scaffolds for access or exit?	1926.451(e)(9)(iv)			
12)	Is the bottom step of stairway-type ladders 24 inches or less above the scaffold supporting level?	1926.451(e)(3)(i)			

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