

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Scaffold Safety program is to provide safety guidelines for scaffold use and to protect employees and property from harm as well as prevent incidents related to scaffold use by employees of Advanced Excavating Specialists and Five Rivers Construction.

TRAINING

Training will be conducted by a licensed third-party training center to all employees that will be working on scaffolds. Training will include fall hazards, electrical hazards, falling objects, fall protection, use, load capacity, and will retrain employees when conditions change.

PROCEDURE

1. Before starting work and periodically during work on a scaffold, a competent person must inspect it for the following:
 - a. Are guardrails, toe boards, and planking in place and secure?
 - b. Are locking pins at each join in place?
 - c. Are all wheels on moveable scaffolds locked?
2. Do not attempt to gain access to a scaffold by climbing on it (unless it is specifically designed for climbing – always use a ladder).
3. Scaffolds and their components must be capable of supporting four times the maximum intended load.
4. Any scaffold, including accessories such as braces, brackets, trusses, screw legs, ladders, etc. damaged or weakened in any way, must be immediately tagged out, repaired, or replaced.
5. Scaffold planks must extend over their end supports not less than 6 inches nor more than 12 inches, unless otherwise specifically required.
6. Scaffold platforms must be at least 18 inches wide unless otherwise specifically required or exempted.
7. Where persons are required to work or pass under the scaffold, scaffolds shall be provided with a screen between the toe board and guardrail, extending along the entire opening. The screen must be made of No. 18 gauge U.S. Standard wire, ½ inch mesh or equivalent protection.
8. All scaffolds must be erected level and plumb, and on a solid footing.
9. DO not change or remove scaffold members unless authorized.
10. Do not allow workers to ride on a rolling scaffold when it is being moved. Remove or secure all materials and tools on deck before moving.
11. Do not alter any scaffold member by welding, burning, cutting, drilling, or bending.

For further rules and regulations regarding scaffolding, please refer to the Construction Safety Standard, Part J-1 Chapter 296-155 WAC, and Scaffolds, Chapter 296-874 WAC.