

SCAFFOLDING SAFETY CHECKLIST

This checklist can be used for both General Industry and Construction. OSHA Standard 1910.27(a) states that scaffolds in general industry must meet the requirements in 1926 Subpart L – Scaffolds.

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1	All employees working on a scaffold have been trained by a qualified person to recognize the hazards associated with the type of scaffolding being used and how to control or minimize those hazards. Training included fall hazards, falling objects, electrical hazards, proper use of the scaffold, and material handling. 1926.454(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CAPACITY

2	Each scaffold and scaffold component is capable of supporting, without failure, its own weight and at least 4 times the maximum intended load. 1926.451(a)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	The scaffolds in use have been designed by a qualified person and have been constructed and loaded according to that design. 1926.451(a)(6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	The scaffolds are not loaded in excess of their maximum intended loads or rated capacities, whichever is less. 1926.451(f)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONSTRUCTION

5	Each scaffold platform is planked and decked as fully as possible with the space between the platform and uprights not more than 1 inch wide. 1926.451(b)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Scaffold planking is able to support, without failure, its own weight and at least four times the intended load. 1926.451(a)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	When side brackets or odd-shaped structures result in a wider opening between the platform and the uprights the space does not exceed 9.5 inches. 1926.451(b)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Each scaffold platform and walkway is at least 18 inches wide. <i>For variances to this requirement see 1926.451(b)(2)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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9	Scaffolding has guardrails installed along all open sides and ends. 1926.451(g)(4) For variances to this requirement see 1926.451(b)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Steel or plastic banding is not used as a toprail or a midrail. 1926.451(g)(4)(xiii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	The platform does not deflect more than 1/60 of the span when loaded. 1926.451(f)(16)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Debris is not allowed to accumulate on platforms. 1926.451(f)(13)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	The scaffold is not erected near exposed and energized power lines. Minimum distances are provided at 1926.451(f)(6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESS				
14	If the scaffold platform is more than 24 inches above or below a point of access, a ladder, ramp, or a walkway is used. 1926.451(e)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Workers do not use crossbraces as a way to access the scaffold. 1926.451(e)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FALLING OBJECT PROTECTION				
16	Workers on or below a scaffold are wearing hardhats. 1926.451(h)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Falling object protection is provided by the installation of toeboards, screens, or guardrail systems or the erection of debris nets, catch platforms, or canopy structures that contain or deflect falling objects. 1926.451(h)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	The area below the scaffold where objects may fall is barricaded, and employees are not be permitted to enter the hazard area. 1926.451(h)(2)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUPPORTED SCAFFOLDS				
19	The structural members including poles, legs, posts, frames, and uprights are plumbed and braced to prevent swaying and displacement. 1926.451(c)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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20	Supported scaffolds with a height to base width ration of more than 4:1 have been restrained by guying, tying, bracing, or another equivalent means. 1926.451(c)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	The poles, legs, posts, frames, and uprights are on base plates and mud sills or another adequate firm foundation. 1926.451(c)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Footings are level, sound, rigid, and capable of supporting the loaded scaffold without settling or displacement. 1926.451(c)(2)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Unstable objects are not being used to support any part of the scaffold. 1926.451(c)(2)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Unstable objects are not being used as working platforms. 1926.451(c)(2)(iii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	If a forklift is being used to support a platform the entire platform is attached to the fork and the forklift does not move horizontally when workers are on the platform. 1926.451(c)(2)(v)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Workers on a supported scaffold are protected by a personal fall arrest system or a guardrail system. 1926.451(g)(1)(vii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUSPENDED SCAFFOLDS				
27	A competent person has evaluated all direct connections to confirm that the supporting surfaces are able to support the imposed load. 1926.451(d)(3)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Two-point and multi-point suspension scaffolds are tied or otherwise secured to prevent them from swaying. 1926.451(d)(18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	A competent person inspects the ropes for defects before each work shift. 1926.451(d)(10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Only items specifically designed to be counterweights are used. 1926.451(d)(3)(iii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Counterweights are secured by mechanical means to the outrigger beams to prevent accidental displacement. 1926.451(d)(3)(iv)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	Vertical lifelines are not fastened to counterweights. 1926.451(g)(3)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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33	Gasoline-powered equipment and hoists are not being used. 1926.451(d)(14)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34	Gears and brakes of power-operated hoists are enclosed. 1926.451(d)(15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35	Workers are not using ladders or other materials on top of the scaffold to increase their working height. 1926.451(f)(14)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36	Workers on a single-point or two-point adjustable suspension scaffold are protected by both a personal fall arrest system and guardrail system. 1926.451(g)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Needed Items and Additional Notes:

This checklist provides general safety guidelines and does not include all elements of the OSHA Standard 1926 Subpart L – Scaffolds.

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