



## Need to Know- Scaffolds



SCAFFOLDS

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## Remember....

- Use scaffolds per manufacturer specifications
- Competent persons are required to oversee assembly, disassembly, inspection, and maintenance of scaffolds
- Competent Persons must:
  - Be designated by the employer
  - Capable of identifying hazards
  - Have the authority to take prompt corrective actions to correct hazards with the scaffold
- Common hazards associated with scaffolds include:
  - Falls
  - Falling object(s)
  - Electrical hazards
  - Collapse hazards
  - Planking hazards
  - Weather conditions
  - Collisions or struck-by
- Methods to reduce/eliminate hazards:
  - Provide proper access
  - Install guardrails
  - Provide Personal Fall Arrest System (PFAS)
  - Provide Protection from falling objects & wear hard hats
  - Ensure scaffolds are erected an adequate distance away from electrical hazards
  - Take precautions when moving scaffolds
- Do not use cross braces or unapproved ladder-like ends for access