



KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Preventing Falls from Scaffolding

When scaffolds are not upright or used properly, falls can occur. Protecting workers from scaffold related accidents would prevent many deaths and injuries each year.

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Preventing Falls from Scaffolding:

- Make sure scaffolding is properly tied off before beginning work.
- Always access the scaffolding using ladders, stair towers or ramps.
- Use only scaffold planks.
- Make sure guardrails and toe-boards are installed on all scaffolding 10 or more feet above the ground.
- Check with your supervisor to make sure the scaffold is able to support four times the maximum intended load (including the weight of the scaffold).
- Check with your supervisor to make sure the scaffold is level and plumb by using screw jacks on base plates and mudsills.
- Keep scaffold within 14 inches of the building.

For more information visit OSHA REGULATIONS: 1926.451