



SCAFFOLDING ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Use this checklist when performing a scaffold assessment. Requirements included in the checklist are based on information found in OSHA regulations 1926.451,452 and the Non-Mandatory Appendices.

Date of assessment: _____

Time: _____

Site location: _____

S = Satisfactory U= Unsatisfactory N/A = Not Applicable

1926.451 General Requirements	S	U	N/A
Has this work location been inspected before the start of work operations and have all the correct precautions been taken? (e.g., checking for overhead objects, falling or tripping hazards, uneven ground)			
Has the scaffold been setup according to the manufacturer’s instructions?			
Can the scaffold components support at least four times their maximum intended load?			
Has the scaffold been designed by a qualified person?			
Has the scaffold been fully planked with no more than 1” gap between planks?			
Is the gap between the last plank and the upright less than 9 ½ inches?			
Are platforms at least 18 inches wide?			
Are platforms that are less than 18 inches protected by a guardrail system?			
Are open sides of the scaffold less than 14 inches from face of work?			
If open sides of scaffolds are more than 14 inches, are fall protection systems used by all employees?			
For scaffolds that will be used for lathing and plastering, is the platform less than 18 inches from the face of the work?			
Are platform units that are cleated or restrained by hooks center line of their supports by at least 6 inches?			
Is the work platform free of clutter, mud, oil, or any tripping hazard?			
Is scaffolding more than 10 feet from any power line?			
If any piece of scaffold is defective, has the scaffold been removed from serve and tagged?			

1926.451 Criteria for Supported Scaffolds	S	U	N/A
Height to base ratio is less than 4:1 with no braces required.			
If the ratio is more than 4:1, are scaffolds restrained from tipping by tying or bracing?			
If the ratio is less than 4:1, is there a vertical distance from the top tie to the top of the scaffold?			
Do all scaffold frames and uprights use base plates (mudsills if on dirt)?			
Are ties installed at a horizontal member to support the inner and outer legs?			
Is the first vertical tie installed at a height less than 4 times the minimal base?			
For scaffolds less than 3 feet wide, are vertical ties repeated every 20 feet?			
Are ties installed at each end of the scaffold and at horizontal distances not to exceed 30 feet?			
Where eccentric loads are imposed, are ties installed to neutralize loads?			
Are scaffolds established on adequate firm footings?			
Are footings capable of supporting the intended load without settling?			
Is the use of unstable objects prohibited for footings?			
Is the scaffold plumb and braced to prevent swaying or displacement?			
1926.451 Access	S	U	N/A
Is there a safe access for scaffold platforms that are 2 feet above or below the point of access?			
Have cross braces been banned as a means of access?			
Do portable ladders meet the specific requirements of 1926 Subpart X?			
Hook-On and Attachable Ladders	S	U	N/A
Have ladders been positioned to ensure there is no tipping of the scaffold?			
Is the bottom rung less than 24 inches above the supporting surface?			
Are rest platforms installed every 35 feet vertically?			
Are ladders designed for the scaffold being used?			
Are all ladder rungs length's at least 11 ½ inches?			
Is the rung spacing identical?			
Are the spaces between the rungs no more than 16 ¾ inches?			

Ladder Rungs Built into the Frame	S	U	N/A
Are frames designed and built for access ladders?			
Are rungs at least 8 inches in length?			
Are rungs spaced evenly within each frame section?			
Are rest platforms set every 35 feet?			
Are the spaces between the rungs no more than 16 ¾ inches?			
Do steps of ladders and rungs line up vertically between rest decks?			
Is the access from other personnel banned when the distance is more than 24 inches vertically or 14 inches horizontally?			
1926.451 Scaffold Use	S	U	N/A
Are scaffolds and mechanisms loaded within their capacities?			
Is the use of shore or lean-to scaffolds banned?			
Has the scaffold been approved by a competent person every shift?			
Have any parts of damaged scaffold been repaired, replaced or removed?			
Has the movement of occupied scaffolds been banned?			
Are wet or slippery conditions removed as soon as possible?			
In case of storms or high winds, has a competent person been consulted?			
Are tools, material, and debris detached from the scaffold to prevent buildup?			
Are the use of makeshift devices banned?			
Are ladders on top of scaffolds decks banned?			
1926.451 Fall Protection	S	U	N/A
Are guardrails used for scaffolds over 10 feet in height?			
Are guardrails installed on all open sides from work surfaces?			
Are guardrails installed at 38 to 45 inches in height?			
For screens installed, do they extend from the top of the guardrail platform and along the entire opening between the supports?			
Will guardrails withstand 200 pounds in a downward or outward direction?			
Are personal fall arrest systems used where guardrails are not feasible?			

1926.451 Falling Object Protection				S	U	N/A
Have falling object hazards been removed according to 1926.451?						
Have toe boards been installed to prevent falling objects?						
Are toe boards at least 3 ½ inches in height?						
Have screens been installed to prevent employees from falling objects?						
Is the area around the scaffold barricaded?						
1926.452 Tube and Coupler Scaffolds				S	U	N/A
Are ties installed at the bearer level?						
Is “X” bracing installed at each end of the scaffold?						
Is bracing installed as close as possible to the node point?						
Are bearers attached to both posts?						
Are inboard couplers resting on the runner coupler?						
Are the ends of bearer tubes in full contact within the clamp?						
Are runners installed on the inside and outside of scaffold heights?						
Are runners interlocked and coupled to each post?						
Is the maximum vertical runner spacing 6’6”?						
1926.452 Fabricated Frame Scaffolds				S	U	N/A
Are frames protected by braces?						
Do braces align with frames?						
Are frames joined by coupling pins or by related means?						
Have scaffolds over 125 feet been constructed by a professional engineer?						

1926.452 Mobile Scaffolds	S	U	N/A
Are frames secured by braces?			
Do braces align with frames?			
Are all brace connections secured?			
Do scaffolds constructed of tube and clamp meet requirements of that type of scaffold?			
Do scaffolds constructed of frame scaffolding meet the requirements of that type of scaffold?			
Are casters locked while in use?			
Are scaffolds stabilized to prevent tipping?			
Are adjusted screws or casters pinned into the frames?			
Are all criteria met for 1926.452 when scaffolds are being moved with employees on board?			