Toolbox talk

Scaffolds

The every-shift inspection, working on the platform, and who builds, changes and takes scaffolds down.

Scaffolds get dangerous when they're half built, overloaded, or changed by someone who isn't supposed to touch them.

Key point **Don't climb a scaffold the competent person hasn't checked this shift, and don't change it yourself.**

What happened

In Oregon in 2015, a siding crew rigged a pump jack scaffold with one pole and a stair landing holding the other end. The owner set a stepladder on the platform, fell 20 to 25 feet onto concrete, and died the next day. Oregon FACE report 2015-12-1

Checked every shift

A competent person inspects the scaffold for visible defects before each shift, and after anything that could affect it, like high wind or a hit from equipment.

Look for the sign-off before you climb. If anything looks bent, loose or missing, stay off and report it.

On the platform

Work only on platforms that are fully planked. When the platform is more than 2 feet above or below you, use the ladder, stair tower or other access, and never climb the cross braces.

More than 10 feet up, you need fall protection. Don't load the scaffold past its rating, and keep tools from falling with toeboards, screens or nets.

Building, changing, taking down

Only trained, experienced workers picked by the competent person erect, move, change or take down a scaffold, and only under that person's direction.

That includes pulling one brace or plank to get your work done. If it's in your way, ask.

Show me Walk to the scaffold you'll use today and find the inspection sign-off and the way up before anyone climbs.

Ask the crew

1. Who signed off on the scaffold we're using today, and when?
2. What's in your way on the scaffold that you'd be tempted to move?

Crew sign-in

Scaffolds

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Presented by _____ **Company** _____

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Signing means you attended this talk and had the chance to ask questions.