

# SAFETY Checklist

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## Walking and Working Surfaces: Scaffolds General Requirements - Fall Protection (General Industry)

**Instructions:** This checklist is intended to help you identify potential hazards in your workplace. The questions are based on applicable Federal OSHA standards. Keep in mind that additional state and local regulations may apply, depending upon your location. Please select one answer for each question. You can click in the box if completing this form on your computer or mobile device. If you select “no,” you should investigate further to determine what corrective action may be needed to address the hazard. You can review the specific OSHA Standards outlined below at [www.osha.gov/law-regs.html](http://www.osha.gov/law-regs.html). Choose “Construction.”

1910.27(a) Scaffolds. Scaffolds used in general industry must meet the requirements in 29 CFR part 1926, subpart L (Scaffolds).

	Questions	OSHA Regulation	Yes	No	N/A
1	Is each employee on a scaffold more than 10 feet above a lower level protected from falling to that lower level?	1926.451(g)(1)			
2	Is each employee on a boatswains' chair, catenary scaffold, float scaffold, needle beam scaffold, or ladder jack scaffold protected by a personal fall arrest system?	1926.451(g)(1)(i)			
3	Is each employee on a single-point or two-point adjustable suspension scaffold protected by both a personal fall arrest system and guardrail system?	1926.451(g)(1)(iii)			
4	Is each employee on a crawling board (chicken ladder) protected by a personal fall arrest system, a guardrail system (with minimum 200 pound toprail capacity), or by a 3/4 inch diameter grabline or equivalent handhold securely fastened beside each crawling board?	1926.451(g)(1)(iv)			
5	Is each employee on a self-contained adjustable scaffold protected by a guardrail system (with minimum 200 pound toprail capacity) when the platform is supported by the frame structure, and by both a personal fall arrest system and a guardrail system (with minimum 200 pound toprail capacity) when the platform is supported by ropes?	1926.451(g)(1)(v)			
6	Is each employee on a walkway located within a scaffold protected by a guardrail system (with minimum 200 pound toprail capacity) installed within 9 1/2 inches of and along at least one side of the walkway?	1926.451(g)(1)(v)			

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7	Is each employee performing overhand bricklaying operations from a supported scaffold protected from falling from all open sides and ends of the scaffold (except at the side next to the wall being laid) by the use of a personal fall arrest system or guardrail system (with minimum 200 pound toprail capacity)?	1926.451(g)(1)(vi)			
8	For all scaffolds not otherwise specified is each employee protected by the use of personal fall arrest systems or guardrail systems meeting 29 CFR 1926.451 (g)(4) requirements?	1926.451(g)(1)(vii)			
9	Has a competent person determined the feasibility and safety of providing fall protection for employees erecting or dismantling supported scaffolds? NOTE: Employers are required to provide fall protection for employees erecting or dismantling supported scaffolds where the installation and use of such protection is feasible and does not create a greater hazard.	1926.451(g)(2)			
10	Are personal fall arrest systems used on scaffolds meeting 29 CFR 1926.502(d) requirements attached by lanyard to a vertical lifeline, horizontal lifeline, or scaffold structural member? NOTE: Vertical lifelines must not be used when overhead components, such as overhead protection or additional platform levels, are part of a single-point or two-point adjustable suspension scaffold.	1926.451(g)(3)			
11	When vertical lifelines are used, are they fastened to a fixed safe point of anchorage, independent of the scaffold, and protected from sharp edges and abrasion? NOTE: Safe points of anchorage include structural members of buildings, but do not include standpipes, vents, other piping systems, electrical conduit, outrigger beams, or counterweights.	1926.451(g)(3)(i)			
12	When horizontal lifelines are used, are they secured to 2 or more structural members of the scaffold, or looped around both suspension and independent suspension lines (on scaffolds so equipped) above the hoist and brake attached to the end of the scaffold? NOTE: Horizontal lifelines must not be attached only to the suspension ropes.	1926.451(g)(3)(ii)			

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13	When lanyards are connected to horizontal lifelines or structural members on a single-point or two-point adjustable suspension scaffold, is the scaffold equipped with additional independent support lines and automatic locking devices capable of stopping the fall of the scaffold in the event one or both of the suspension ropes fail? NOTE: The independent support lines must be equal in number and strength to the suspension ropes.	1926.451(g)(3)(iii)			
14	Are vertical lifelines, independent support lines, and suspension ropes prohibited from being attached to each other, attached to or using the same point of anchorage, or attached to the same point on the scaffold or personal fall arrest system?	1926.451(g)(3)(iv)			
15	Are guardrail systems installed along all open sides and ends of platforms?	1926.451(g)(4)(i)			
16	Are guardrail systems installed before the scaffold is released for use by employees other than erection/dismantling crews?	1926.451(g)(4)(i)			
17	Is the top edge height of top rails or equivalent member on supported scaffolds installed between 38 inches and 45 inches above the platform surface? NOTE: The top edge height on supported scaffolds and on all suspended scaffolds where both a guardrail and a personal fall arrest system are required must be between 36 inches and 45 inches. When conditions warrant, the height of the top edge may exceed the 45-inch height, provided the guardrail system meets all other criteria of 29 CFR 1926.451(g)(4).	1926.451(g)(4)(ii)			
18	When midrails, screens, mesh, intermediate vertical members, solid panels, or equivalent structural members are used, are they installed between the top edge of the guardrail system and the scaffold platform?	1926.451(g)(4)(iii)			
19	When midrails are used, are they installed at a height approximately midway between the top edge of the guardrail system and the platform surface?	1926.451(g)(4)(iv)			
20	When screens and mesh are used, do they extend from the top edge of the guardrail system to the scaffold platform, and along the entire opening between the supports?	1926.451(g)(4)(v)			

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21	When intermediate members (such as balusters or additional rails) are used, are they not more than 19 inches apart?	1926.451(g)(4)(vi)			
22	Is each toprail or equivalent member of a guardrail system capable of withstanding, without failure, a force applied in any downward or horizontal direction at any point along its top edge of at least 100 pounds for guardrail systems installed on single-point adjustable suspension scaffolds or two-point adjustable suspension scaffolds, and at least 200 pounds for guardrail systems installed on all other scaffolds?	1926.451(g)(4)(vii)			
23	When the specified loads are applied in a downward direction, does the top edge not drop below the height above the platform surface that is prescribed?	1926.451(g)(4)(viii)			
24	Are midrails, screens, mesh, intermediate vertical members, solid panels, and equivalent structural members of a guardrail system capable of withstanding, without failure, a force applied in any downward or horizontal direction at any point along the midrail or other member of at least 75 pounds for guardrail systems with a minimum 100 pound toprail capacity, and at least 150 pounds for guardrail systems with a minimum 200 pound toprail capacity?	1926.451(g)(4)(ix)			
25	Does the space between the hoist or stirrup and the side guardrail or structure not allow passage of an employee to the end of the scaffold when suspension scaffold hoists and non-walk-through stirrups are used as end guardrails?	1926.451(g)(4)(x)			
26	Are guardrails surfaced to prevent injury to an employee from punctures or lacerations, and to prevent snagging of clothing?	1926.451(g)(4)(xi)			
27	Are the ends of all rails prohibited from overhanging the terminal posts except when such overhang does not constitute a projection hazard to employees?	1926.451(g)(4)(xii)			
28	Is steel or plastic banding prohibited from being used as a toprail or midrail?	1926.451(g)(4)(xiii)			
29	Is manila or plastic (or other synthetic) rope being used for toprails or midrails inspected by a competent person as frequently as necessary to ensure that it continues to meet the strength requirement?	1926.451(g)(4)(xiv)			

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30	Is acceptable crossbracing in place of a midrail in use? NOTE: Crossbracing is acceptable in place of a midrail when the crossing point of two braces is between 20 inches and 30 inches above the work platform or as a toprail when the crossing point of two braces is between 38 inches and 48 inches above the work platform. The end points at each upright must be no more than 48 inches apart.	1926.451(g)(4)(xv)			

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