

## "For Safety's Sake - Do Something"

### Scaffold Safety

All employees that would need to utilize scaffolding must be trained by a qualified person to recognize the hazards associated with the type of scaffold being used and how to control or minimize those hazards. And only a competent person is responsible for overseeing the erection and dismantling of all Scaffolding as well as performing daily inspections of the scaffold

The training must include: fall hazards, falling object hazards, electrical hazards, proper use of the scaffold, and handling of materials.

#### Scaffold inspection includes:

- Placement of scaffold relative to energized power lines.
- Verification that the correct scaffold is being used considering loads, materials, workers, and weather.
- Scaffold is structurally secure (framing, plank integrity, plank placement, guardrails, etc.)
- Scaffold has safe access.
- Scaffold placement from structure.

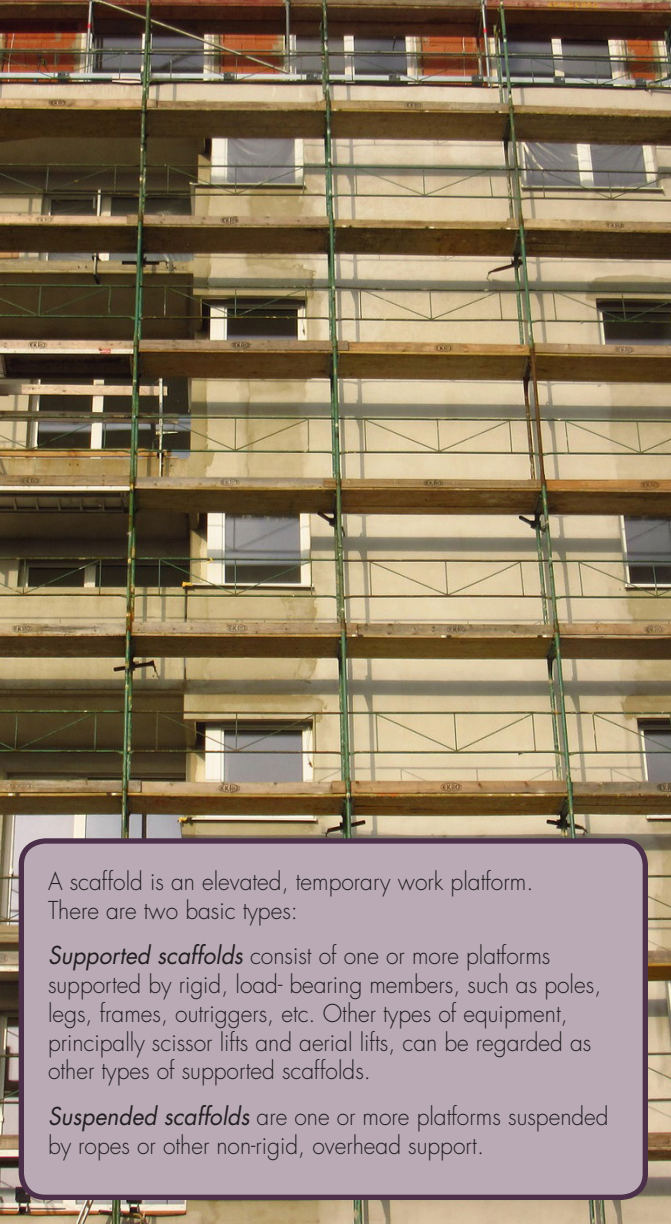
#### Additional requirements include:

- Provision of falling object protection.
- Hard hats.
- Use braces, tie-ins and guying as described by the scaffold's manufacturer at each end.

If you regularly utilize scaffolding or plan to use scaffolding as a part of your job, please visit the following links for detailed requirements:

[https://www.oshatraining.org/courses/pdf/QCsupported\\_scaffold\\_tips2.pdf](https://www.oshatraining.org/courses/pdf/QCsupported_scaffold_tips2.pdf)

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/scaffolding/index.html>

A photograph of a multi-story building under construction, completely encased in a complex network of green metal scaffolding. The building's facade is visible through the grid of the scaffolding.

A scaffold is an elevated, temporary work platform. There are two basic types:

**Supported scaffolds** consist of one or more platforms supported by rigid, load-bearing members, such as poles, legs, frames, outriggers, etc. Other types of equipment, principally scissor lifts and aerial lifts, can be regarded as other types of supported scaffolds.

**Suspended scaffolds** are one or more platforms suspended by ropes or other non-rigid, overhead support.