

# SAFETY TAILGATE MEETING

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## **SCAFFOLD - MOBILE AWARENESS**

### INTRODUCTION

Mobile scaffolds come in different sizes. When used correctly, they can be a safe means to accomplish elevated work. However, when used incorrectly, they can be deadly.

In this meeting, we will discuss:

#### Group discussion:

- Have you ever experienced or seen an incident or injury related to work off a mobile scaffold?
- What happened?
- Why did it happen?
- What can we learn from it?

In this meeting, we will discuss:

(1) MOBILE SCAFFOLD HAZARDS

(2) MOBILE SCAFFOLD REQUIREMENTS

(3) USING MOBILE SCAFFOLDS SAFELY

#### **MOBILE SCAFFOLD HAZARDS**

**FALLS:** Guardrails must be in place if the platform height is more than 10' (7 1/2' in CA) Note: Guardrails are recommended at any height. Know your state requirement and manufacturer recommendations.

**COLLAPSE:** When not installed correctly – plumb, level and with all manufacturer required cross, horizontal and diagonal braces and pins, the scaffold can collapse. Note: When the height exceeds 4 x's the width of the base (3x's in CA) or when it exceeds the manufacturers recommendations, the tip over hazard is increased.

#### MOBILE SCAFFOLD REQUIREMENTS

**KNOW YOUR SCAFFOLD:** Since there are different types of mobile scaffolding, it is important to pay closeattention to both the OSHA regulations and the manufacturer instructions. (Example: Some manufacturers require guardrails regardless of height)

**MOVING THE SCAFFOLD:** You may wonder: Can I ride on a mobile scaffold while it is being moved? Maybe. OSHA does allow it under certain circumstances. However, the manufacturer may not. First, check the manufacturer recommendations. If they do not allow it, you must follow their direction. If the manufacturer does not prohibit it, and a competent person determines it is safe for the conditions, the OSHA standard must be followed. Note: Casters and wheels must be locked when working off the scaffold.

#### USING MOBILE SCAFFOLDS SAFELY

Group discussion: What other safety measures can you think of?

- Do not get on a scaffold unless you have been trained and have verified that a competent person has performed and documented an inspection for that day and it is safe to use. Any change in condition requires an additional inspection.
- Do not modify the scaffold, including moving any planks, guardrails, braces or ties.
- Only use the scaffolds approved means of access.
- Never climb the cross braces or rails. Always keep feet on the scaffold platform!
- Know the weight capacity of the scaffold and do not overload it.
- Keep the scaffold platform free of slip and fall hazards.

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Attendees Signatures N/A

### **CONDUCTOR SIGNATURE**



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