Scaffolding – General Requirements: OSHA Standard 1926.451

Take a look around at your co-workers who are working on scaffolding. What do you see? Is the scaffolding set up correctly by a competent person? What is the planking like? Do you see anything that would make you feel uneasy?

Be on the lookout for unsafe conditions and correct them, or report them to your supervisors as soon as possible.

Help your fellow workers work safely on that scaffolding – take a close look at it:

❖ Have the workers been training by a qualified person to work on scaffolding
❖ Making sure the scaffolding was inspected each shift BEROFE it is used by workers
❖ Look at the working surface; are those scaffold grade planks or boards from the job site
❖ Is the working surface fully planked from front to back
❖ Are the planks secured in place, do they overlap properly
❖ Is there damage to the uprights or cross bars, if so tell them to get off the scaffolding
❖ Are they wearing fall protection properly as required or are the guard rails in place
❖ Is there snow or ice on the working surface, if there is , they should not be up there yet
❖ Is the scaffolding plumb and level; and sitting on a solid surface material
❖ Are there unauthorized objects keeping the scaffolding plumb, i.e. rocks or bricks
❖ Is there proper access to the working level, no climbing on the cross bars
❖ Is the scaffolding secured to the building as determined by the minimum base width
❖ Are the workers wearing the proper PPE for the tasks they are doing
❖ Does the area below the scaffold have restricted access

Finally, would you feel comfortable working on that scaffolding, or are you saying to yourself, I am glad I am not up there. These are your co-workers, even if it is a different company; they do have family at home. Watch out for them and they will watch out for you. Then everyone will get to home to their family tonight.

Signature of Employees in Attendance: Date: _____

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