

# “JOBSITE SAFETY” ~ ILLUSTRATED SERIES

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## SCAFFOLDING HAZARDS

Work activities associated with scaffolds are subject to many hazards, however, falls are by far the number-one cause of injury or death among construction workers.

Falls are attributed to the lack of guardrails, improper installation of guardrails and failure to use personal fall arrest systems when required.



Lack of proper access to the scaffold work platform is an additional reason for falls from scaffolds. Access in the form of a secured ladder, stair tower, ramp, etc. is required whenever there is 24” vertical change to an upper or lower level. The means of access must be determined before erection of the scaffold and employees are never allowed to climb on cross braces for either vertical or horizontal movement.

- Provide proper access; never allow employees to climb on cross braces for horizontal or vertical movement.
- Competent person must be present when building, moving or dismantling scaffold and must inspect it daily.
- Erect barricades to prevent walking under platforms; place signs to warn those close by of the possible hazards.
- Maintain minimum of 6 feet between the scaffold and any electrical hazard.
- Ensure all employees working on scaffolding have had proper training.

