Scaffold Inspection Checklist

OSHA 29 CFR 1926.451 (Construction) | 29 CFR 1910.28 (General Industry)

Date: _____	**Inspector: _____**	**Location: _____**	**Scaffold ID: _____**
Type: Supported / Suspended / Mobile / Tubular	**Max Height: _____**	**Max Load: _____**	

Part 1: Foundation and Structure

Inspection Item	Expected Condition	OK	Fail
Base plates/mudsills	Base plates on all legs. Mudsills adequate for soil conditions. Firm, level foundation.		
Screw jacks/leveling	Screw jacks used on uneven surfaces. Properly adjusted. Not extended beyond manufacturer limits.		
Bracing	Cross bracing, horizontal bracing, and diagonal bracing installed per manufacturer specs. All pins and clips in place.		
Frame connections	All frame connections secure. Coupling pins locked. No missing or damaged connectors.		
Plumb and level	Scaffold is plumb, square, and level. No visible leaning, racking, or twisting.		
Planking/decking	Scaffold-grade planks or manufactured decking. Extends 6-12 inches past supports. No gaps greater than 1 inch. Cleated or restrained.		
Ties and anchors	Scaffold tied to building at required intervals (per 1926.451(c)(1)). Anchors secure. No missing tie-ins.		
Capacity rating	Load capacity posted or communicated. Not exceeded. Includes weight of workers, tools, and materials.		

Part 2: Fall Protection and Access

Inspection Item	Expected Condition	OK	Fail
Guardrails	Top rail 38-45 inches above platform. Mid rail at mid-height. Toeboard at least 3.5 inches high. All rails secure.		
Guardrail strength	Top rail can withstand 200 lbs downward or outward force. Mid rail can withstand 150 lbs downward or outward force.		
Access/egress	Proper access provided (ladder, stairway, ramp, or direct access). Climbing cross braces prohibited.		
Ladder access	Access ladders extend 3 feet above platform. Secured against displacement. Rungs uniformly spaced.		
Openings in platform	All openings properly guarded or covered. No gaps through which tools or materials could fall.		

Falling object protection	Toeboards installed. Screens or debris nets installed where workers below. Hard hat area designated.		

Part 3: Electrical and Environmental

Inspection Item	Expected Condition	OK	Fail
Power line clearance	Minimum clearances from power lines maintained per 1926.451(f)(6). Insulated lines: 3 feet. Uninsulated up to 300V: 3 feet. Higher voltage: 10+ feet.		
Weather conditions	Scaffold safe to use in current weather. No ice or snow accumulation. High winds assessed (40+ mph requires work stoppage for most scaffolds).		
Tag/inspection status	Current inspection tag displayed showing date and competent person name. No expired or missing tags.		

Deficiencies & Corrective Actions

Deficiency Description	Corrective Action	Assigned To	Date Fixed

Scaffold Condition: SAFE to use / UNSAFE – removed from service

Competent Person: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

If any deficiency is found that affects structural integrity or fall protection, immediately prohibit scaffold use, barricade the area, and tag as unsafe. Do not allow use until a competent person verifies all deficiencies have been corrected.

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