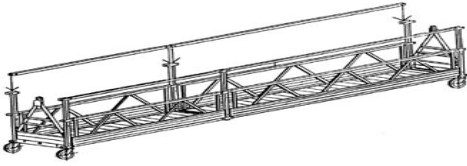


Suspended Scaffold Safety



Ten Basic Rules for Your Own Safety & Compliance of 1926.451:

- Be sure the Competent Person checks ropes, bolted connections and all other scaffolding components prior to each workshift and after every occurrence which could affect the systems integrity. Call the rental company when in doubt about safety of the system.
- Know the load limit of your scaffolding system. Calculate your entire load including personnel and material. Do not exceed load limit.
- Be aware of and keep 10 feet away from any power lines.
- Make sure no one is working under you. Make sure the area under you is roped off.
- If people insist upon working under you, make sure the area underneath is posted with "Overhead Hazard" warning signs and that you use other precautions, if possible, such as a canopy structure or catch platform.
- A toe board is to be used on the scaffold. The guardrail should also be screened if materials or tools might fall through the rail.
- Make sure the walking/working surface on the scaffold is kept free of debris, tools, materials and other items.
- Never step onto a suspended scaffold unless you are wearing a properly attached personal fall arrest system.
- Before using electrically operated hoists, be sure that the electrical power source and all power connections are properly grounded and that all electrical wiring is in good condition. Be sure you are using Ground Fault Interrupters.
- Be aware of other workers around you and what they are doing. If other workers' material handling equipment or scaffolds get near you - within 10 feet - stop your work until it is safe.