

TOOLBOX TALKS

The Upside of Safety



Mobile Scaffold

Mobile scaffolds are common pieces of equipment utilized on construction sites because of their mobility and ease of assembly. Many contractors will use mobile scaffolds instead of ladders because it safely gives workers a large platform to work off of. When using a mobile scaffold, remember these safety tips:

Inspection

Inspect your mobile scaffold to verify that all scaffold components are functioning properly and/or are correctly assembled before using. Things to look for during the inspection:

- Wheels are in good condition including breaks
- Pins are in place and not damaged
- Welds are not damaged
- Platform in good condition
- Rails and structure are not damaged

If you come across any defects during the inspection, do not use.

If you have access to a computer click on the link to view a video on mobile scaffolding inspection - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcZX-f0zdC0>



Guardrails

According to OSHA's standard, guardrails must be utilized on scaffolding when a worker is over 10 ft above the landing surface. NEVER attempt to stand on the guardrails to gain additional height.

Platform

Make sure your scaffolding platform is fully planked and the planks are secured to the platform.

Wheels

Once the mobile scaffold has been placed in the area that you will be working in, make sure to LOCK the wheels. Inability to do so can cause the worker to fall from the scaffolding.

