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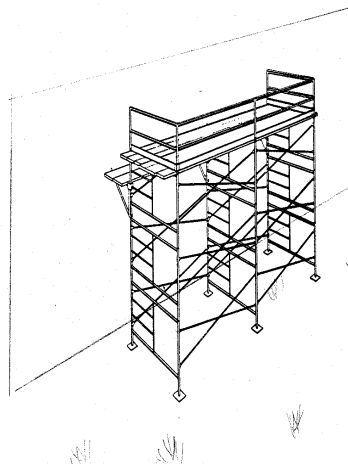
Tubular Welded Frame Scaffold

Scaffold systems are an efficient and safe method of providing a temporary elevated work platform for the many constructions operations that are conducted daily. However, if scaffolds are not erected or used properly, accidents can occur. Every year, about 190 people become construction fatalities due to improper scaffold use. Falls, electrocution, and scaffold collapse are the leading causes of these senseless accidents. All are preventable good judgment and common sense are applied in using scaffolds. Here are some common sense items to check before you use that scaffold.

General Guidelines for Using Scaffolds

Ensure that:

- All scaffolds are erected under proper supervision
- All structural members are adequate for use
- All connections and pins are adequate
- Cross bracing is provided
- All employees have—and use—access ladders
- All scaffolds are free of defective or damaged parts
- All scaffolds are safely tied into the structure
- All ladders and working surfaces are free of debris, ice, mud, etc.
- All planks are serviceable
- All working areas are fully planked
- All planks are overlapped 12 inches
- All guardrails, midrails, and toeboards are installed in all work areas
- All scaffolds are inspected frequently
- All employees are adequately trained in scaffold use



Before you use that scaffold, take the time to think it out. Use good judgment and common sense. Do not become a statistic simply because you did not think!

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