

## SCAFFOLDING SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The erection, dismantling, and use of scaffolds are regulated by the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) and the California Code of Regulations, Title 8 (CCR8), Construction Safety Orders, Sections 1635.1-1667, and General Industry Safety Orders, Sections 3620-3627. Highlights of these regulations are noted below. For the complete standards, please refer to the regulations in entirety.

1. The use, erection, and dismantling of scaffolds must be performed under the supervision and direction of a qualified person.
2. Scaffolds must be erected and dismantled in accordance with design standards, engineered specifications, or the manufacturer's instructions.
3. Guys, ties, or outriggers are required for additional support when the working height exceeds three times the least base dimension.
4. Protective railings and toeboards with a midrail halfway between the toprail and platform are required on specified scaffoldings and elevated platforms.
5. Persons must not ride a rolling scaffold. Persons must refrain from moving a mobile scaffold while someone is on it.
6. Panel or frame legs of steel scaffolds must be set on adjustable bases or plain bases and placed on mud sills or other foundations adequate for the maximum anticipated load.
7. For metal scaffolds, all scaffold legs, including those of outriggers, must rest upon base plates provided by the manufacturer. Each base plate must have support adequate to sustain the load and prevent horizontal movement. When the scaffold or outrigger is resting on earth or soft material, the base plate must rest on and be secured to the equivalent of a 2-inch by 10-inch by 10-inch wooden base.
8. Scaffolds must not be used near electrical lines, on soft ground, or in high winds.
9. Scaffolding is meant to be used as a temporary means for employees to perform work where a suitable, permanent means of access is not available.

