

SCAFFOLD SAFETY

BUILD IT RIGHT. INSPECT IT. USE SAFE ACCESS.

A scaffold must be designed, erected, accessed, and inspected as a complete system. Missing components can turn a platform into a fall or collapse hazard.

COMMON HAZARDS

- Unstable foundation, damaged parts, or poor bracing
- Incomplete decking or excessive platform gaps
- Missing guardrails, midrails, or toe boards
- Climbing cross-braces instead of using safe access
- Overloading with workers, tools, or materials
- Moving or altering the scaffold without authorization

THE COMMON-SENSE CHECK

- 1 Is the foundation firm, level, and supported?
- 2 Was it erected under competent supervision?
- 3 Are platform, bracing, and guardrails complete?
- 4 Is safe access provided and unobstructed?
- 5 Has a competent person inspected it today?

CONTROL THE EXPOSURE

FOUND

Use sound base plates and support.

BUILD

Brace and fully platform the system.

PROTECT

Install required rails and toe boards.

INSPECT

Check before use and after changes.

ASK THE CREW

1. Who is the competent person for this scaffold?

2. Are access, decking, bracing, and fall protection complete?

3. What loads or changing conditions could affect stability?

DATE: _____

SUPERVISOR: _____

CREW / LOCATION: _____