

	SCAFFOLD - SUSPENDED	Date:
	TOOLBOX / TAILGATE TALK	Presenter:

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Introduction

1. Review any accidents or "near accidents" from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the Safe way of doing the job.
3. Give the Tool Box Safety Talk

Suspended scaffolds are platforms suspended by ropes, or other non-rigid means, from an overhead structure. Suspended scaffolds include swing stage, multipoint scaffolds, and catenary scaffolds. Suspended scaffolds can pose serious risks if there is a failure in integrity of the structure or the ropes. In addition, workers at heights risk serious injury or death from falls if fall-protection systems are not in place. Follow these tips to help ensure safety:

- Suspended scaffolds must be designed by a competent person.
- Make sure all suspension support devices are resting on surfaces capable of supporting at least four times the intended load. Supporting devices include outrigger beams, cornice hooks, parapet clamps and similar devices.
- Verify that each suspension rope, including connecting hardware, is capable of supporting, without failure, at least 6 times the maximum intended load.
- When inspecting scaffolds for capacity, keep in mind that adjustable suspension scaffolds are designed to be raised and lowered while occupied by workers and materials, and must be capable of bearing their load whether stationary or in motion.
- Restrain outrigger beams to prevent movement.
- To keep a scaffold from falling to the ground, use counterweights and attach them to an acceptable anchor point
- Use fall protection (either a guardrail system or a personal fall arrest system) when working on any scaffold 10 feet or more above a lower level. When working on a suspension scaffold, use both a guardrail and a personal fall arrest system.
- Inspect all scaffolds prior to use or at least on a daily basis



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