

AGC Tool Box Safety Talk

SCAFFOLDS: MOBILE

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

One of the greatest hazards associated with mobile scaffolds is the risk of overturning. Employees who erect, disassemble, or otherwise use mobile scaffolds must follow all OSHA requirements to ensure safety. Follow these basic guidelines when working with mobile scaffolds:

- Erect mobile scaffolds with cross, horizontal, or diagonal braces, as designed, to provide a rigid structure.
- Make sure scaffolds are plumb, level, and squared with all brace connections securely fastened.
- To prevent movement of the scaffold while it is being used in a stationary position, lock all scaffold casters and wheels with positive wheel and swivel locks.
- Check overhead clearance for power lines or other possible hazards before moving a mobile scaffold. Stay at least 10 feet away from all power lines.
- When using manual force to move the scaffold, apply the force as close to the base as possible, but not more than five feet above the supporting frame.
- Never move a mobile scaffold while you are on it.
- Inspect all scaffolds prior to use or at least on a daily basis.

