

SAFETY MATTERS CONSTRUCTION SERIES



FALLS

Improper Scaffold Construction

Understanding the Danger

Working with heavy equipment and building materials on the limited space of a scaffold is difficult. Without fall protection or safe access, it becomes hazardous. Falls from such improperly constructed scaffolds can result in injuries ranging from sprains to death.

Avoiding the Hazards

- Construct all scaffolds according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Install guardrail systems along all open sides and ends of platforms.
- Use at least one of the following for scaffolds more than 10 feet above a lower level:
 - Guardrail Systems
 - Personal Fall Arrest Systems
- Provide safe access to scaffold platforms.
- Do not use or climb cross-bracing as a means of access.



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