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Workplace: _____

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Supported Scaffold Inspection Checklist for Construction

The competent person should use this checklist for daily inspections of the scaffold. It is not all-inclusive and should be used as a starting point to develop a checklist specific to the type of scaffold and work site(s) conditions.

SCAFFOLD BASE AND STRUCTURE

- Inspect scaffolds and scaffold parts daily, before each work shift, and after any event that may have caused damage.
- Check to see if powerlines near scaffolds are deenergized or that the scaffolds are at least 10 feet away from energized powerlines.
- Make sure that tools and materials are at least 10 feet away from energized powerlines.
- Verify that the scaffold is the correct type for the loads, materials, employees, and weather conditions.
- Make sure 4:1 (height to width) scaffolds are secured to a building or structure as required.
- Ensure that the scaffold is plumb, square, and level.
- Check footings to see if they are level, sound, rigid, and capable of supporting the loaded scaffold.
- Verify that the load on the scaffold (including point loading) is within the maximum load capacity of the particular scaffold.
- Ensure that the maximum load capacity of the scaffold is known and communicated to all employees.

- Check legs, posts, frames, and uprights to see if they are on baseplates and mudsills.
- Check metal components for bends, cracks, holes, rust, welding splatter, pits, broken welds, and non-compatible parts.
- Check for safe access. Crossbraces are not used as a ladder for access or exit.

PLANKS

- Check wooden planks for cracks, splits greater than 1/4 inch, end splits that are long, many large loose knots, warps greater than 1/4 inch, boards and ends with gouges, mold, separated laminate(s), and grain sloping greater than 1 in 12 inches from the long edge and are scaffold grade lumber or equivalent.
- If the planks deflect 1/60 of the span or 2 inches in a 10-foot wooden plank, the plank has been damaged and must not be used.
- Check to see if the planks are close together, with spaces no more than 1 inch around uprights.
- Check to see if 10-foot or shorter planks are 6 to 12 inches over the center line of the support, and that 10-foot or longer planks are no more than 18 inches over the end.



PLATFORM

- Make sure all working platforms are fully planked.
- Check to see if the platform is 14 inches or more away from the wall or 18 inches or less away if plastering/stuccoing.
- Check for guardrails and midrails on platforms where work is being done.
- Check for employees under the platform and provide falling object protection or barricade the area.
- Make sure that hard hats are worn.
- Use braces, tie-ins, and guying as described by the scaffold’s manufacturer at each end, vertically and horizontally to prevent tipping.

TRAINING

- Employees who erect, disassemble, move, operate, repair, maintain, or inspect the scaffold are trained by a competent person to recognize the hazards associated with this type of scaffold and the performance of their duties related to this scaffold.
- Employees who use the scaffold have been trained by a qualified person to recognize the hazards associated with the scaffold and know the performance of their duties relating to it.

Corrective Action Completed (date): _____

Supervisor: _____

Routed to: _____
