



SCAFFOLDS

are temporary elevated or suspended platforms built to support people and materials during construction and maintenance projects. Scaffolds used by UO employees are portable or supported scaffolds. They can rest on locked casters or base plates depending on the location. Scaffolds differ from ladders in that they allow an employee to work hands free on a stable surface and reach difficult areas, for example, adjustable scaffolds that work on stairs. If you are not sure if a scaffold will work for your project, speak to your supervisor. Only a competent person can set up and take down scaffolds. Follow all safe use best practices.

EXAMPLE BEST PRACTICES:

- Always follow the manufacturer's guidelines, never modify.
- Complete a pre-use inspection of the area for hazards before setup and the scaffold before each use.
- Pick the right footing. Casters can only be used on level hard surfaces, and must be locked in place.
- Use guying, tying, or bracing when exceeding the 4:1 base to height ratio. Use outriggers to widen the base.
- Measure base to height ratio from the ground to the platform (not handrail) and the width of the shortest side.
- Follow all manufacturer's safety decals.
- Do not climb on the braces or handrails.
- Keep your feet on the platform always, do not overreach.
- Do not exceed the load rating and keep materials balanced to prevent tipping. Do not tie materials to railings.
- Never move the scaffold when people are on it!
- Wear a hard hat and any other job specific PPE. Wear fall protection during assembly/disassembly, if a designated anchor point is present.

WHAT TO DO!

- Speak to your supervisor to receive training.
- Follow all best safety practices and the manufacturer's instructions.
- Notify your supervisor of injuries immediately!
- In an emergency, call **911** and **UOPD** (541-346-2919) for immediate assistance!



Ask your supervisor if you are unsure if a scaffold works for your project!



Follow all manufacturer's safety decals!



Use the right footing for the location!

