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**Scaffold SafetyProgram**

<http://ehs.psu.edu/scaffold-safety/overview>

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**Who and what does this program apply to?**

* This program covers University employees who use or erect scaffolds.
  + Scaffold types included in the scope of the program are: Bakers Scaffold & Fabricated Frame/Frame Scaffold.
    - There are specific requirements that are more restrictive regarding the use of any other type of scaffold at Penn State University.

**What are the key requirements of this program?**

* Supervisors must:
  + Be thoroughly informed of the contents of this program and how it relates to their areas of responsibility and authority.
  + Ensure that all provisions of this program are implemented.
  + Ensure employees comply with all provisions of this program.
  + Investigate all injuries and incidents within their work unit related to scaffold use.
  + Take prompt corrective action when unsafe conditions or practices are observed.
* Employees must:
  + Follow the work practices described in this program, including the use of appropriate protective equipment and conducting pre-use inspections.
  + Attend all training required by this program.
  + Immediately report any unsafe conditions or concerns related to scaffolds to their supervisor.
* Training Requirements:
  + User Training
  + Required for any employee who is required to work from a scaffold.
  + Hands-On Scaffold Erector Training
  + Required for any employee who is required to erect/disassemble a scaffold.
  + Retraining is required whenever:
  + An employee is observed using the scaffold in an unsafe manner;
  + An accident or a near-miss incident occurs;
  + Changes in the types of scaffold, fall protection, falling object protection, or other equipment present a hazard that an employee has not previously been trained on;
  + Changes in the worksite present a hazard that an employee has not previously been trained on.
* Inspection Requirements:
  + Each scaffold must undergo a documented pre-use safety inspection by a competent person prior to use on each shift.
  + A competent person is an employee who has completed both the User Training and Hands-On Scaffold Erector Training.
* Recordkeeping Requirements:
  + Work units must maintain records such as training, inspections and the list of scaffolds utilized.

**For additional information:**

* Penn State Scaffold Safety Program

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* OSHA Regulations <http://www.osha.gov/>
* 29 CFR 1910.28 – “Safety requirements for scaffolding”
* 29 CFR 1910.29 – “Manually propelled mobile ladder stands and scaffolds (towers)”
* 29 CFR 1926 - Subpart L – “Scaffolds”