

## Scaffolding Safety Inspection Checklist

This checklist is designed to help ensure that scaffolding is safe to use, in compliance with OSHA and other international safety standards. All inspections must be carried out by a competent person before each work shift and after any events that may affect the scaffold's structural integrity.

Section	Inspection Item	Yes/No	Remarks
General Condition & Structure	Scaffold erected as per manufacturer's instructions		
	No visible damage, bends, cracks, or corrosion on components		
	Scaffold level and plumb		
	Adequate bracing and ties installed		
	Scaffold fully decked with no gaps		
Planks, Platforms & Decking	Planks free from cracks, splits, and warping		
	Properly secured to prevent movement		
	Load capacity clearly marked and not exceeded		
	Platforms have non-slip surfaces		
Guardrails & Fall Protection	Top rails, midrails, and toeboards installed		
	Guardrails at proper height (38–45 inches per OSHA)		
	Fall arrest systems in place where required		

Access & Egress	Ladders, stair towers, or ramps installed and secure
	Access points free from obstructions
Scaffold Stability	Base plates, mud sills, or foundations in place
	Wheels on mobile scaffolds locked during work
	Adequate tie-ins to structure for height stability
Tagging & Signage	Green (Safe), Yellow (Restricted), or Red (Unsafe) tags displayed
	Load limits posted and visible
PPE Requirements	Workers wearing hard hats, harnesses, and safety footwear
	Tools secured to prevent falling
Weather Conditions & Environment	Scaffold free from snow, ice, or slippery materials
	No overhead hazards like power lines
Post-Modification Checks	Scaffold re-inspected after alterations
	Approval given by competent person before use