

TOOL BOX TALKS

Rolling Scaffold Safety

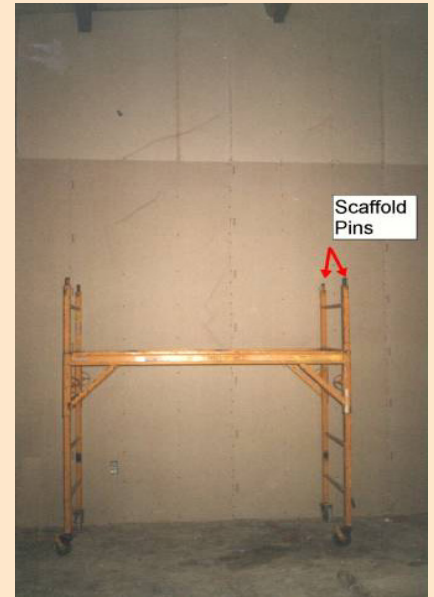
Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



A 31-year-old male supervisor for a drywall contractor died from head injuries he received when he fell from a six foot mobile scaffold. The victim was part of a two-man crew installing drywall inside an addition to a hospital. The scaffold was not fully planked and its wheels weren't locked. Review these scaffold safety tips with your employees to help prevent serious injuries and deaths.

Tool Box Tips

1. Do not use the scaffold if taking medication, fatigued, impaired or in poor health.
2. Never over reach, stay within the confines of the guardrails.
3. Never stand on guardrails.
4. Do not stand on top of ladders, buckets or boxes to gain extra reach while on a scaffold.
5. Use the caster brakes.
6. Never scoot or pull yourself.
7. Never push a scaffold with employees on it.
8. Mount and dismount the scaffold using only the end frames.
9. Do not subject the Perry scaffold to side loads or side impacts.
10. Do not overload, know the weight capacity.



This is the actual scaffold that was involved in the employee's death.

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