Scaffolding Safety and You
Prevent falls from heights by practicing caution

The number one scaffold hazard is falling. To help protect you on the job, fall protection consists of either personal fall-arrest systems or guardrail systems and is provided when working 10 feet or more above a lower level.

General Safety
To help us ensure your safety on the job, review the following scaffolding safety tips:

• Inspect the scaffold assembly before use. Check to see that bracing is in place and connected, platforms are fully planked, guardrails are in place and you have means of safe access.

• Use only the safe means of access provided. Do not climb bracing or frames not specifically designed for climbing. If such access is not provided, contact your supervisor.

• Climb the scaffolding safely by facing the rungs as you climb up or down, using both hands.

• Do not attempt to carry materials while you climb.

• Be sure of your footing and balance before you let go of the scaffolding with your hands.

• To avoid losing your footing, do not work on slippery rungs.

• The scaffold is designed to hold four times its maximum intended load. Do not overload platforms with materials.

• Working heights should not be extended by planking guardrails or by use of boxes or ladders on scaffold platforms.

• Do not remove any component of a completed scaffold assembly except under the supervision of a qualified person. Any component that has been removed should be immediately replaced.

If You Notice a Hazard
Ensuring your safety is our top priority. While on the job, if you detect scaffolding problems, notify your supervisor immediately. We also expect you to do your part by learning about and practicing scaffolding safety.