SCAFFOLDING Safety

Safe Scaffolding Set-up

- Train all workers on safe scaffold installation.
- Use proper fall protection.
- Carefully follow manufacturer's instructions for safe set-up.
- Do not mix scaffolding from multiple manufacturers, unless they fit together without force. Do not manipulate the components to fit.
- Level and adjust the base. It must sit on a firm surface, like asphalt, concrete or wood sills.
- Properly brace the scaffolding at all times. Secure the third lift of the scaffolding (30 ft.) to a structure, or use outriggers.
- Install cross bracing at all levels and make sure locking devices and ties are secure.
- Set-up a safe distance from power lines and other conductive materials.
- Inspect the scaffold and all components to make sure everything is in good working condition. Do this at set-up, and before each shift.
- Make sure planks, decks, toe boards and guardrails are in place, and secure.

Safe Scaffolding Use

- Use a hoist or rope to move materials to upper levels.
- Do not carry materials when climbing scaffolding.
- Do not allow tools, materials, or debris (grease, dirt, snow, ice) to accumulate on the platform.
- Do not overload the scaffolding with too many people or materials in any one area.
- Make sure there is a safe entrance to all working levels.
- Barricade areas below if there is a chance of items falling from the scaffolding. Make sure there is a control zone for the lifting area.
- Never work on scaffolding during storms or high winds.