

## Scaffolding - Part 1



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1926.451 (g) (1) (vii)  
**Fall Protection Requirements**

Employees on scaffolds not specified in 1926.451(g)(1)(i)-(vi) shall be protected by either a fall arrest system or a guardrail system meeting the requirements of paragraph (g)(4).

A guardrail system should protect employees from falls at all open sides of and ends of a platform.

To ensure adequate protection, install guardrails along all open sides and ends before releasing the scaffold for use by employees, other than the erection and dismantling crews.

- Employers must provide fall protection for each employee on a scaffold more than 10 feet above a lower level from falling to that lower level.
- A competent person must determine the feasibility and safety of providing fall protection for employees erecting or dismantling supported scaffolds

### Guardrails are not required:

- When the front end of all platforms are less than 14 inches from the face of the work
- When outrigger scaffolds are 3 inches (8 centimeters) or less from the front edge

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