

Scaffold Inspection Criteria

Quick Pre-Use Checklist per OSHA 1926.451

Pre-Use Inspection Points

✓	Inspection Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Base plates/mudsills - firm footing, level, no settling
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cross braces - all in place, pins/clips secured
<input type="checkbox"/>	Top rail - 38"-45" above platform, continuous
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mid rail - approximately midway between top rail and platform
<input type="checkbox"/>	Toe board - min 3.5" high on all open sides
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planking - min 18" wide, max 1" gap, overlap 12"+, cleated/secured
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planking condition - no cracks, rot, warping or paint cover
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access - ladder or stairway provided (no climbing cross-braces)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Load rating - posted and visible (light/medium/heavy duty)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Competent person - inspection tag current and signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical clearance - min 10 ft from power lines

Tag System

Tag	Meaning
GREEN	Safe to use - fully inspected, all components intact, competent person approved
YELLOW	Caution - usable with restrictions (e.g., incomplete guardrails, harness required)
RED	DO NOT USE - unsafe condition, under construction, or not yet inspected

Load Ratings

- **Light duty:** 25 lbs/ft²
- **Medium duty:** 50 lbs/ft²
- **Heavy duty:** 75 lbs/ft²

Max height without PE design: 125 ft. Above this, a Professional Engineer must design the scaffold and supervise erection.

