Scaffold Inspection Criteria

Quick Pre-Use Checklist per OSHA 1926.451

Pre-Use Inspection Points

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

Tag System

Tag	Meaning
GREEN	Safe to use - fully inspected, all components intact, competent person approved

Tag	Meaning
YELLOW	Caution - usable with restrictions (e.g., incomplete guardrails, harness required)

Tag	Meaning
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.