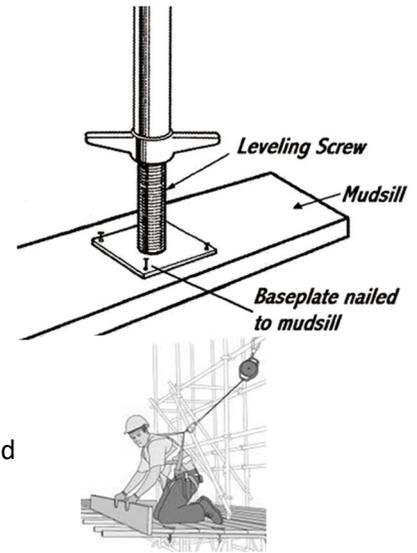


**SET SCAFFOLD ON A SOLID BASE**

Scaffolds must be set up with a solid base, decks that are level, and posts or legs that are plumb. The base of the scaffold must have base plates (often part of the screw jack) and mud sills for added support. It should also have screw jacks for leveling inserted in the legs of the scaffold. Do not use cribbing under your mud sills to gain height. If your scaffold has wheels or casters these must be locked before use.



**USE PROPER FALL PROTECTION**

If the working deck on your scaffold is 10 ft or higher, you must have some type of fall protection.

Fall protection may be a guardrail system or a Personal Fall Arrest System. Some scaffold requirements may demand both Guardrail and Personal Fall Protection System.

**DESIGNATED SCAFFOLDING COMPETENT PERSON**

A competent scaffolding person must oversee all scaffold activities. Here is what they do:



- Designated by A-Lert to have the authority to Stop Work if unsafe scaffold conditions arise and the authority to eliminate unsafe scaffold conditions.
- Has knowledge and experience to identify existing and predictable scaffold hazards.
- Trains the people that will erect, dismantle, move, or alter scaffolding.
- Determines if it is safe for employees to work on or from a scaffold.
- Responsible for inspecting scaffolds and components before each work shift.

**POINTS OF SCAFFOLD SAFETY**

Before use, a Competent person must check to make sure:

- There is a way to get on and off the scaffold that meets OSHA rules for access. This could be an installed ladder or stair tower. Never climb cross braces!
- All components needed are installed and scaffold is built square and plumb.
- Work areas are fully planked or decked. Never use a scaffold that is not fully decked or planked without prior safety approval.
- Guard rails with toe boards or alternative fall protection is provided.
- Guys and ties to the building are installed properly. If a scaffold is taller than 4 times the smallest base dimension tip-over can occur.
- Ensure a scaffold tag is placed on the scaffold indicating inspection, scaffold condition and if the scaffold is safe for use.
- Electrocutation – Scaffolds must be at least **10 ft** away from electric lines.

**PREVENT FALLS  
 SCAFFOLD SAFETY**

- ✓ Use Fully Planked Scaffolds
- ✓ Ensure Proper Access
- ✓ Built Plumb and Level
- ✓ All Guardrails Completed
- ✓ Ensure Stable Base Footings
- ✓ Competent Person Inspection

