

Construction Site Safety Checklist

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Requirement

Notes / Action Required

FALL PROTECTION — 29 CFR 1926.501/502/503

- All leading edges 6+ feet above lower level protected by guardrails, PFAS, or safety net
- Personal fall arrest systems inspected before use — no damaged equipment in service
- Anchor points rated for 5,000 lbs per attached worker (or qualified person design)
- Floor holes and openings covered, secured against displacement, and marked
- All workers trained on fall hazards — competent person conducted training
- Roofing work: steep slope requires guardrail, PFAS, or net — no warning line only

LADDERS — 29 CFR 1926.1053

- All ladders inspected before use — damaged ladders removed from service
- Extension ladders set at 4:1 angle — extending 3 feet above landing
- Workers maintaining three-point contact while climbing
- No one standing on top two rungs of stepladder
- Ladders secured at top and bottom when possible

SCAFFOLDING — 29 CFR 1926.451

- Competent person inspected scaffolding this shift
- Scaffold platforms fully planked — no gaps
- Fall protection in place at 10 feet and above
- Scaffold foundation adequate — no settling, unstable surfaces
- Access and egress provided — no climbing cross-bracing
- Guardrails installed on all open sides and ends

EXCAVATION & TRENCHING — 29 CFR 1926 Subpart P

- Competent person inspected all excavations today
- Protective system in place for all excavations 5+ feet deep (sloping, shoring, or shield)
- Soil classified before determining protective system
- Safe access and egress provided — ladder within 25 feet of workers
- Excavated material spoils at least 2 feet from edge
- Utility locates completed before excavation began

ELECTRICAL SAFETY — 29 CFR 1926 Subpart K

- Minimum clearance from energized overhead lines maintained (10 ft for lines up to 50kV)
- All temporary wiring and extension cords in good condition — no damage
- GFCI protection on all temporary power and 15/20A receptacles
- Electrical panels and boxes covered — no open knockouts

PPE & GENERAL

- All workers wearing required hard hats
- Eye protection in use where required (grinding, cutting, demolition)
- Hi-visibility clothing worn by workers near vehicle traffic
- Hearing protection available in high-noise areas
- First aid kit accessible on site
- Emergency contact information and nearest hospital posted

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

- All operators trained and evaluated for equipment they are operating
- Equipment pre-operation inspection completed and logged
- Tools inspected — damaged tools removed from service
- Materials stored safely — no unstable stacking or blocking egress

DOCUMENTATION ON SITE

- OSHA poster displayed or available to all workers
- HazCom SDS binder on site and accessible
- Emergency action/evacuation procedures communicated to all workers
- Competent person designation documented