



# STEP UP TO SAFETY

## SCAFFOLDING **DOs** & **DON'Ts**

Falls are the leading cause of death in the construction industry



### DO

- ✓ Inspect the scaffold before each use
- ✓ Use all components correctly per manufacturer instructions
- ✓ Wear required PPE (hard hats, non-skid boots, tool lanyards)
- ✓ Lock wheels before climbing or working
- ✓ Keep the platform clean and free of debris or tripping hazards
- ✓ Use netting or debris protection to catch falling objects
- ✓ Level the scaffold each time it's moved
- ✓ Maintain an emergency and rescue plan

### DON'T

- ✗ Don't overload beyond the scaffold's rated capacity
- ✗ Don't use damaged, incomplete, or missing parts
- ✗ Don't climb cross-braces or guardrails instead of proper access
- ✗ Don't move the scaffold with people on it unless designed for it and conditions allow
- ✗ Don't use boxes, ladders, or barrels inside the scaffold to raise working height
- ✗ Don't work on planks covered with ice, snow, mud, or slick substances
- ✗ Don't ignore electrical hazards: stay clear of power lines



**INSTALL GUARDRAILS  
-OR-  
USE FALL PROTECTION**

