

**Scaffolding - Part 2**

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**Platform to be fully planked or decked between front uprights and guardrail supports**

A platform that is not fully planked or decked can cause a misstep which can result in a fall.

Space between adjacent units, and between the platform and uprights should be no more than 1 inch wide, except where the employer can demonstrate that a wider space is necessary.

- Each platform must be planked and decked as fully as possible with the space between the platform and uprights not more than 1 inch wide. The space must not exceed 9 inches when side brackets or odd-shaped structures result in a wider opening between the platform and the uprights.
- Only scaffold grade lumber may be used (No Plywood)
- Scaffold planking must be able to support, without failure, its own weight and at least four times the intended load.
- The platform must not deflect more than 1/60 of the span when loaded.
- The standard prohibits work on platforms cluttered with debris
- Each scaffold platform and walkway must be at least 18 inches wide. When the work area is less than 18 inches wide, guardrails and/or personal fall arrest systems must be used.

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