

Scaffold inspection checklist

This checklist can be used by principal contractors or scaffolders to conduct a basic inspection to look for common scaffold deficiencies and hazards.

Principal Contractors/builders have a duty to provide and maintain a working environment that is safe and without risks to health and safety, so far as is reasonably practicable. This includes the provision of safe systems of work and plant that is adequately maintained.

On-the-spot fines of up to \$3,600 for businesses and \$720 for individuals may be issued to those placing workers lives at risk by not adequately protecting them when working at heights, including working on unsafe scaffolding.

The checklist can help you to prepare and plan for a safe and effective scaffold on site.

It is divided into these areas:

- Administration
- Inspecting the scaffold
- Mobile scaffold safety
- Further information

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[Scaffold inspection checklist \(PDF 554kb\)](#)

Further information

- SafeWork NSW Industry Safety Standard – [Erect, alter and dismantle scaffold](#)
- [SafeWork NSW scaffolding page](#)
- [Safe Work Australia: Scaffolds and scaffolding work general guide](#)
- [Safe Work Australia Guide for scaffold inspection and maintenance](#)

Australian Standards

- AS/NZS1576: 2019 Part 1: Scaffolding – general requirements
- AS/NZS4576: Guidelines for scaffolding.

<https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/scaffolding/scaffold-inspection-checklist>

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