

WAC 296-874-40006 Make sure supported scaffolds are properly supported. (1) You must make sure supported scaffold poles, legs, posts, frames, and uprights are:

- (a) Plumb; and
- (b) Braced to prevent swaying or displacement.

(2) You must make sure supported scaffold poles, legs, posts, frames, and uprights, bear on base plates that rest on:

- (a) Mudsills; or
- (b) Other firm foundations such as concrete or dry, compacted soil.

(3) You must make sure foundations are all of the following:

- (a) Level;
- (b) Sound;
- (c) Rigid;
- (d) Capable of supporting the loaded scaffold without settling or displacement.

Note: The condition of the foundation may change due to weather or other factors. If changes occur, the foundation needs to be evaluated by a competent person to make sure it will safely support the scaffold.

(4) You must make sure unstable objects are not used:

- (a) To support scaffolds or platform units; or
- (b) As working platforms.

(5) You must make sure mobile scaffolds meet these additional requirements:

(a) Wheel and caster stems are pinned or otherwise secured in the scaffold legs or adjustment screws;

(b) Wheels and casters are locked, or equivalent means are used, to prevent movement when the scaffold is being used;

(c) Screw jacks or other equivalent means are used if it's necessary to level the work platform.

(6) You must make sure front-end loaders and similar equipment used to support scaffold platforms have been specifically designed for such use by the manufacturer.

Reference: When forklifts or other powered industrial trucks are used for personnel lifting on support scaffold platforms, follow the requirements found in Forklifts and other powered industrial trucks, chapter 296-863 WAC.

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