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## SCAFFOLD SAFETY THOROUGHLY INSPECT BEFORE USE

On a typical residential home building jobsite, scaffold systems are assembled from components that have been used many times before at many different locations. During tear down at the completion of one job, planks are often thrown from heights and roughly treated and stored before being transported to a new jobsite. Each plank will subsequently be used to support workers and materials. Any defective components can result in serious personal injury.

Article 21 of the Cal/OSHA Construction Industry Safety Standards clearly states in section 1637 that all scaffold lumber shall be visually inspected for defects before and during use. Defective lumber shall not be used.

The maximum permissible spans for 2 x 10 inch (nominal) or 2 x 9 inch (rough) planks are shown in the following table:

Working Load (pounds per square feet – psf).....	25	50	75
Permissible Span (feet).....	10	8	7

Scaffold accidents are predictable and can be avoided by conducting regular inspections – especially when the scaffolds are be reinstalled at a new work location.

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