

2:45 to 3:45 p.m. — Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Scaffold hazards and inspections

Scaffolds have been around the commercial, industrial and residential markets for thousands of years. It received its name in 1936 when a gentleman named Reinhold Uecker welded steel tubing together and called it scaffolding. Since then, scaffolds have been put under strict rules and regulations to which contractors, erectors and users must adhere. Why? Because things can go wrong very quickly without proper inspection and erection. Safety personnel, risk departments, erectors, dismantlers and users should all be trained and educated on the proper erection and bracing of scaffolds. In addition to preventing injuries at work, these same techniques can be transferred to the at-home projects of weekend warriors. Attendees will be able to define the OSHA subpart rules and regulations pertaining to scaffolds. The presenter will use an erected scaffold to demonstrate proper inspection techniques and use.

Notes:

Action items: