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## **SIP TIP: BAKER/PERRY SCAFFOLD SAFETY**

*Willoughby man dies in industrial accident*

### **THE PLAIN DEALER**

*9:04 a.m.*

*Akron -- A Willoughby man injured when he fell Aug. 11 from a collapsed scaffold at Pepsi Cola Bottling in Twinsburg died Saturday at Akron City Hospital.*

*Frank Perotti, 36, was working for a construction company and suffered a severe head injury when he fell about six feet.*

*The Cleveland office of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating.*

*By Karen Farkas.*



The above is a reminder of the risks of working on narrow mobile scaffolding systems. In most scaffold training little attention is paid to the safety hazards in working on this type of scaffold. It was this type that the above worker was working on when the accident occurred. Following are some safety tips when working on narrow scaffolding.

1. Per Ohio Revised Code Rule 4121:1-3-10 (C)(4)(a) Guardrails and toeboards: Scaffolds having one horizontal dimension of less than forty-five inches, shall have standard guardrails installed on all open sides and ends of the platform when more than four feet above the ground or floor.
2. Make sure that the floor is clear of all obstructions and all holes/openings are covered.
3. If the platform is to be placed to the top place additional rails lower to stabilize the end frame ladder to help prevent the bottom from racking inward.
4. Do not try to pull or "scoot" yourself from one location to another while standing on the platform.
5. Lock casters to prevent scaffold from rolling out from under you.
6. Do not overreach. Keep your body within the boundaries of the guardrail and scaffold section.
7. Do not place ladders, horses, buckets, chairs, boxes or other such objects to gain additional standing height.
8. Utilize outriggers to help prevent tipping.
9. Keep work platform clear of debris.
10. Keep casters clean and oiled
11. Pin, spring and nipple must be lubricated whenever equipment is returned from use.

A full safety manual can be printed from the Perry scaffolding system website at the following web address: [http://www.perryscaffolds.com/Safety\\_Book.pdf](http://www.perryscaffolds.com/Safety_Book.pdf)

**REMINDER: EVEN A SMALL FALL CAN KILL, TAKE THE RIGHT STEPS FOR SAFETY!**