



Guardrails for single-pole scaffold (light-duty)

Falls from scaffolds are one of the leading causes of injuries to construction workers in British Columbia.

All scaffolds 3 m (10 ft.) or more above grade must have standard guardrails on their open side.

A standard guard consists of:

- A top rail approximately 1.1 m (42 in.) above the platform
- An intermediate rail centred at approximately the midpoint of the space between the underside of the top rail and the upper edge of the platform
- Vertical guardrail supports spaced not more than 3 m (10 ft.) apart for wooden scaffolding

Standard guardrails must be designed to withstand a static load of 550 N (125 lb.) applied laterally at any point of the top rail.

