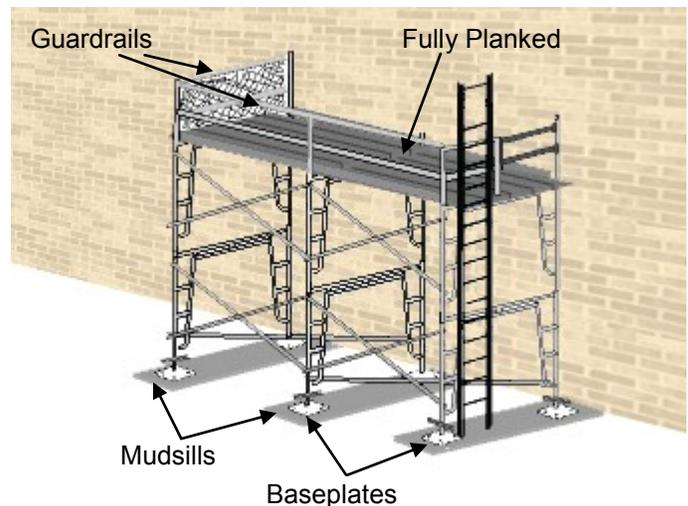




## Tool Box Talk Scaffolding Basics

### Special points of interest:

- Use baseplates and mudsills to ensure good foundation
  - Guardrails keep us on the scaffold!
  - Each working level must be fully planked to keep us from going through the holes.
- A “competent person” must supervise the construction and dismantling of a scaffold. Competent person is somebody with training, knowledge and experience in scaffold.
  - The competent person must inspect the scaffold before each shift.
  - Scaffolds must be built on firm foundation, free of settling.
  - Scaffold uprights must be on base plates. Base plates shall rest on mudsills or other firm foundation (such as concrete floor).
  - A “mudsill” is a section of a 2” x 10” plank. You cannot use single OSB, 2” x 4”s, or other job site trash as mudsills.
  - Never use concrete blocks or other unstable items to level the scaffold. Instead, use screw-jacks to raise or lower the height.
  - The deck of the working level must be fully planked between the uprights. No holes or openings.
  - Guard rails must be on the back and the sides of scaffold when it is 10’ or higher.
  - Planks must be 2” x 10” scaffold grade lumber or equivalent engineered planks. Planks must be free of substantial splits or other defects.



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