## **How To Cut Your OSHA Fines To Practically Zero**

## **Safety Features of Non-Stop Scaffolding**

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Ask 20 masonry contractors where they get the majority of their OSHA citations and 20 of them will say "Scaffolding." That's because falls make up the majority of construction injuries. OSHA has cracked down on scaffolding and there's no sign of them letting up. A sure way to reduce your citations is to eliminate your exposure to fall hazards. See how Non-stop does that for you:

**1.** No climbing to build scaffolding. Non-Stop is built on the ground. Complete towers, up to 45 feet high, are assembled while they're laying down on the ground. That's it - you've done all your scaffold building for the entire job! Your forklift tips them up and lands them at the wall. Simple, fast, and safe. No one climbs - no fall hazards. When going higher than 45 feet, complete sets of extensions can be flown in with a crane. Extension towers can also be added by hand from the safety of the work platform.



- 2. When working on the wall, everyone stays inside the "safety zone" within the guardrails. As the scaffold is cranked up the wall, your men, materials, platform, and guardrails all go up together. No more fall exposures from hopping boards up to the next level, balancing on one board, or any of the many other exposures involved with modifying the scaffold every 4 to 6 feet.
- **3. Move your scaffolding from wall to wall without any climbing, disassembly, or rebuilding.** When you top-out the wall, crank the scaffold back down to the ground. It takes about 15 minutes per 100 feet and there's *no fall exposure*. Slide the boards to the middle of a tower and move the tower, boards, and all to the next wall with your forklift and have it ready to lay brick again in about 8 minutes. That's more than *three times faster* than moving frames.
- **4. Tying the scaffold to the wall is easy, fast, and safe.** No one climbs up ahead to struggle with 2x4s and #9 wire. Towers up to 45 feet high work free-standing until you get to 24 feet. Tie in as you go up with a simple eyebolt that's laid into the wall at the end of the day, anywhere from 14 to 24 feet high. Crank past the eyebolt and tie in with a stiff arm that snaps onto the tower. When cranking back down, just unscrew the eyebolt, put a new nut on the end, and use it again.
- **5. Non-Stop satisfies the demands of your General Contractor's safety people**. GCs can saddle you with tougher regs than OSHA:
- a.) Guardrails at 6 feet high. Non-Stop's guardrails are always in place, starting at 3 feet high.
- **b.**) **Keep the wall at least 36 inches high in front of your bricklayers.** Yes, many GCs are requiring this to eliminate a fall hazard for the bricklayers (falling over the top of the wall). Non-Stop is worked this way routinely.
- **c.**) **Tie off workers on the scaffold.** Occasionally GCs require this, and with Non-Stop it's easy. Any rung on the tower can be clipped to and will support 5,000 pounds.
- **6. Access is built in.** Non-Stop is completely legal to climb. Non-Stop towers meet the ANSI and OSHA requirements for built-in climbing ladders. You can also attach vertical static lines and yo-yos to Non-Stop.