



# GUARDRAIL SAFETY

While guardrails may seem like a small detail, their impact on overall job-site safety is significant. It can take only two minutes to properly install a guardrail - and that can be the difference between life and death.

## 1 JOB-SITE VISITORS

Two groups visit a job-site during construction:



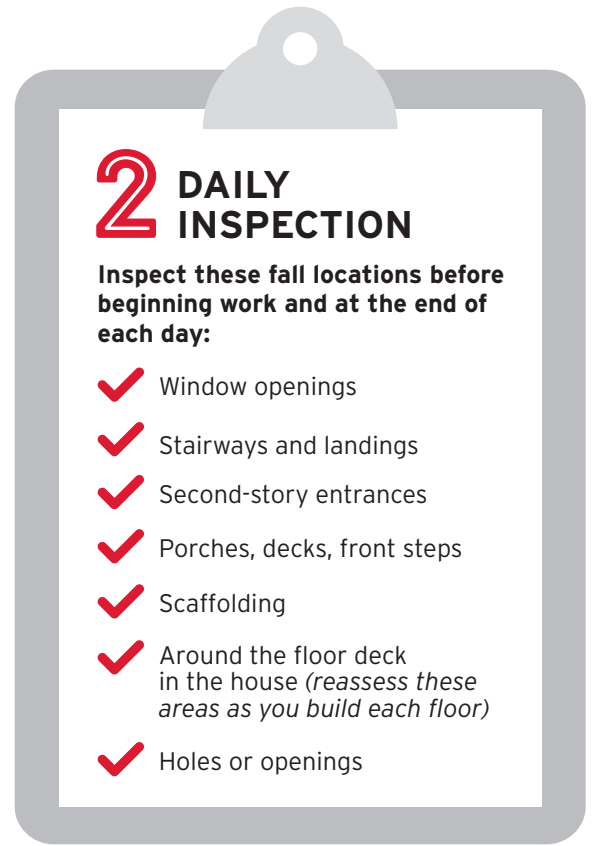
### PLANNED

employees, subcontractors, inspectors, deliveries



### UNPLANNED

potential trespassers, neighbors, children



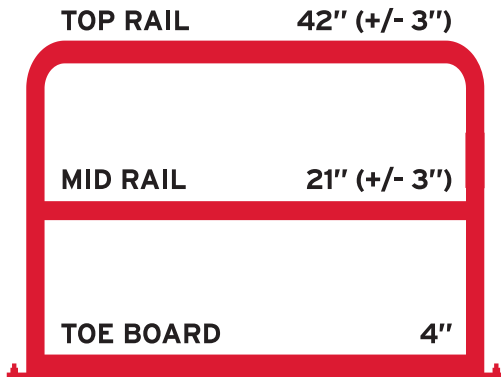
## 2 DAILY INSPECTION

Inspect these fall locations before beginning work and at the end of each day:

- ✓ Window openings
- ✓ Stairways and landings
- ✓ Second-story entrances
- ✓ Porches, decks, front steps
- ✓ Scaffolding
- ✓ Around the floor deck in the house (*reassess these areas as you build each floor*)
- ✓ Holes or openings

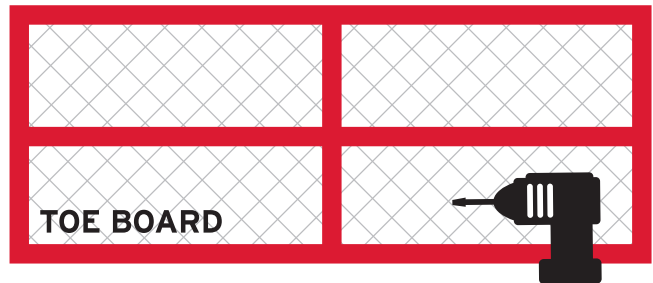
## 3 PROPER HEIGHT

Ensure proper heights for guardrails:



## 4 TOE BOARDS

Toe boards must be installed to prevent materials and/or tools from falling to lower levels.



Screens or mesh must extend from the top rail to the walking/working level and along the entire opening between rail supports.

## 5 APPLIED FORCE

Guardrail systems must resist a force of:



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