

**WORKSAFE SERVICES DIVISION
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
LEGISLATIVE INTERPRETATIONS**



Topic	Scaffold Plank - Nominal Measurements	Issued by: V.P., WorkSafe Services
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127 Measurements of lumber in sections 128 to 142, other than measurements for wood planks, are nominal.

Question

Company ordered 2" x 10" lumber for planking. When it arrived, the actual measurement was 1 3/4 x 9 3/4. Do the planks have to be a full two inches by ten inches?

Response:

Yes. A nominal measurement is an approximate measurement and it is acceptable for everything except planks. The planks have to be the full measurement. The reason is that smaller dimensions for the plank would affect its capacity.