



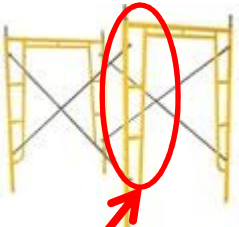
ARCO SAFE TOOL BOX TALKS

Scaffolding:

Access to Scaffolds

Scaffolding-related violations are the 3rd most cited by OSHA!

Most falls from scaffold occur while trying to access an elevated working surface.



NOT A LADDER



CAN BE USED AS A LADDER IF PROPERLY ERECTED

Scaffolding is a great tool that makes life easier for a lot of trades, but it doesn't do you any good if you can't get to it.

STANDARDS/RULES

- When a scaffold working platform is more than 2' above or below another level, an adequate means of access must be provided.
- Cross braces cannot be used as a means of access to a working platform.
- Methods that can be used as a means of access:
 - Portable, hook-on, and attachable ladders
 - Must be positioned so as not to tip the scaffold.
 - Must be specifically designed for the type of scaffold being used.
 - If used on scaffolds more than 35' high, they must have rest platforms at least every 35'.
 - Stairway-type ladders
 - Must have rest platforms at a maximum of 12' intervals.
 - Must have slip-resistant treads on all steps & landings.
 - Stair Towers (Scaffold stairs)
 - Must have a stair rail with top rails & midrail on each side.
 - Must have guardrails provided on the open sides of landings.
 - Ramps and walkways
 - Must have guardrails which comply with the fall protection rule.
 - Integral Prefabricated Scaffold Access Frames
 - Must be specifically designed and constructed for use as ladder rungs.
 - Have rest platforms at 35' intervals.