

Access to Elevated Work Platforms

Introduction

Safe access is part of the work plan. Use the ladder, stair tower, ramp, or other designated route selected for the platform instead of climbing braces or creating a makeshift path.

Hazards & Controls

Use an approved means of access when a scaffold platform is more than 2 feet above or below an access point. Do not climb cross braces. Integral frames may be used for access only when designed and compliant for that purpose.

Keep access routes clear and well lit. Face the ladder while climbing, maintain secure contact, and use a hoist or suitable tool belt so carried items do not cause loss of balance. Do not climb over guardrails.

Stay within the equipment rating, including people, tools, and materials. Stop work if the setup or conditions change; have concerns corrected before continuing.

Safety Reminders

Inspect before use, keep the work area clear, and follow the equipment instructions and site safety plan. Keep electrical hazards in the pre-task review; obtain the required clearance or isolation before setup.

Engagement Questions

Where is the approved access, and how will tools reach the platform?

What site-specific hazards or changes would make us stop work?

Sources and use notice

OSHA: Construction Scaffolds (29 CFR 1926.451)

OSHA: Scaffold Access Requirements

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