

Scaffolding - Part 4

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Means of access and egress from/to a scaffold platform

Using diagonals as a means of access is unsafe because they are not slip-resistant. It can also unbalance the scaffold tower.

Frames with integrated ladders should have slip-resistant treads on all steps and landings.

- When scaffold platforms are more than 2 feet above or below a point of access, portable ladders, hook-on ladders, attachable ladders, stair towers, stairway-type ladders (such as ladder stands), ramps, walkways, integral prefabricated scaffold access, or direct access from another scaffold, structure, personnel hoist, or similar surface shall be used.
- Crossbraces or the support structure of the scaffold shall not be used as a means of access.
- When hook-on and attachable ladders are used on a supported scaffold more than 35 feet high, they shall have rest platforms at 35-foot maximum vertical intervals
- Ladders must be secured and extend beyond the platform a minimum of 36”.

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