

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Ladder Jack Safety

### Construction Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Ladder jacks (considered scaffolds by OSHA) are a quick way to access exterior walls to do work on siding, gutters and painting. Ladder jacks, when set up properly, can be used safely. Ladder jacks must be set up on safe footings, and a personal fall arrest system is required when the work platform is over 10 feet in height. Review these ladder jack safety tips with your employees.

#### Tool Box Tips

1. Know the ladder jack load capacity.
2. Ladder jack should not exceed a working height of 20 feet.
3. Employees on a ladder jack scaffold must be protected by a personal fall arrest system when working above 10 feet.
4. Ladder jack platforms must be within 14 inches of the structure.
5. Safe access must be provided to ladder jacks over two feet in height.
6. Ladder jack platforms must not be bridged to one another.
7. Ladders must be used on level surfaces and secured to prevent displacement.
8. Tie off the top of the ladder and block the feet to prevent kick out or tip over.
9. Ladders must be used on stable and level surfaces.



*Incorrect: Safe access is not provided to the work platform.*



*Unsafe: Ladder feet not stable on a sloped roof.*



*Correct: Safe access is provided and the employee is wearing a fall arrest system.*

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