

TOOL BOX TALKS

Pump Jack Safety

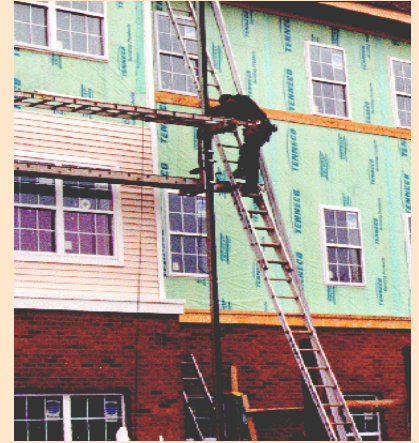
Construction Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Pump jacks (considered scaffolds) are a safe option for anyone working along exterior walls of a structure. When set up properly, pump jacks are a safe way to do siding, guttering, carpentry and window replacement. Pump jacks can also expose employees to fall hazards. Review these pump jack safety tips with your employees.

Tool Box Tips

1. Employees must have documented training on erection use and dismantling of pump jack systems.
2. Know the pump jack load capacity. Do not overload.
3. Do not bridge or tie pump jacks together.
4. Pump jack platforms must extend six inches over the supports.
5. Footings must be level, sound, rigid and capable of supporting the pump jack load.
6. Safe access must be provided to pump jack platforms.
7. Fall protection is required for each employee on a pump jack above 10 feet.
8. Guardrails are required at all open sides and ends of platforms.
9. Pump jack poles shall be secured to the structure at the top.
10. A pump jack workbench may be used as a top rail if it meets guardrail requirements.
11. Mid-rails should be installed between the top edge of the guardrail system and the platform surface.
12. Pump jack platforms must be within 14 inches to the structure.



Correct: The ladder is arranged so the employee can step onto the scaffold directly from the ladder.



Incorrect: The ends are not guarded.

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