Ladder Jack Scaffolds – What you need to know.

Ladder jack scaffolding is a supported scaffold consisting of a platform resting on brackets attached to ladders.

We are finding a lot of ladder jack scaffolds being used that don’t meet the OSHA requirements. The following is a “quiz” you can take to check your knowledge of the OSHA requirements. The answers are located at the end of this article.

1. Platforms on ladder jack scaffolds can not exceed a height of:
   (a) 5 feet
   (b) they can be any height you want them to be
   (c) 20 feet

2. Job-made ladders can be used to support ladder jack scaffolds:
   (a) yes
   (b) no

3. Ladders used to support ladder jacks shall be placed, fastened, or equipped with devices to prevent:
   (a) the ladder from cracking
   (b) OSHA from inspecting you
   (c) Slipping

4. Each employee working on a ladder jack scaffold more than 10’ above a lower level must be protected by a personal fall arrest system:
   (a) yes
   (b) no

5. Workers can use the support ladders to access the platform.
   (a) yes
   (b) no

6. Each platform has to be at least:
   (a) 18 inches wide
   (b) 2 feet wide
   (c) 12 inches wide

Answers: (1) c - .452(k)(1) (2) b - .452(k)(2) (3) c - .452(k)(4)(b)(15) (4) a - .451(g)(1)(I) (5) b - .451(e)(1) – when the platform is positioned on the “climb” side (6) c - .451(b)(2)(I)