TOOLBOX TALKS

***Scaffold Safety!***

A ladder jack scaffold is a simple device consisting of a platform resting on brackets attached to a ladder. Ladder jacks are primarily used in light applications because of their portability and cost effectiveness. Here are some ways to stay safe *every day.*

* Have a component person on site at all times to ensure that scaffolds are being erected, moved, dismantled, or altered correctly.
* Employees working above 10 feet (3.1 m) on a ladder jack scaffold must be protected from fall hazards by a personal fall arrest system (PFAS)
* The front edge of all platforms must not be more than 14 inches (36 cm) from the face of the work, unless guardrail systems are erected along the front edge and/or personal fall arrest systems are used.
* All ladders used to support ladder jack scaffolds must comply with 29 CFR 1926 Subpart X.
* Ladder jacks must be designed and constructed to bear on the side of rails and ladder rungs. Or ladder rungs alone. If ladder jacks bear on the ladder rungs alone, the bearing area must include a length of at least 10 inches on each rung.
* Ladders used to support ladder jack scaffolds must be placed, fastened, or equipped with devices to prevent slipping.
* Scaffold platforms must not be bridged together and should not be placed higher than 20 feet from the supported base.
* No more than two employees may occupy any platform at one time.
* The maximum span between supports is 8 feet.
* Ladder jack scaffold have a maximum intended load of 25 pounds per square Foot.

Note: Discuss the company’s policy on how to report unsafe equipment or acts on your site.