

## ***SAFE ACCESS GUIDELINES***

1. A clean and uniform walk surface shall be provided inside and outside the building. Debris and materials shall be kept clear of all passageways.  
**OSHA 1926.25.34**
2. Any change of elevation in the means of egress of nineteen (19) inches or more shall be provided with stairs, ladders, or ramps.  
**OSHA 1926.1021(a)**
3. If stairs have four (4) or more risers or more than thirty (30) inches of rise, a thirty-six (36) inch high handrail shall be supplied on at least one side. A stair rail may double as a handrail. Stair rails shall have either one midway halfway between the steps and the top rail or vertical pickets a maximum of nineteen (19) inches apart.  
**OSHA 1926.1052©(1)**
4. Temporary stair treads must be at least one (1) inch thick wood or other solid material the full width and depth of the tread.  
**OSHA 1926.1052(b)(3)**
5. Raised platforms or working/walking surfaces with an open edge six (6) feet or more above the adjacent surface below shall have a forty-two (42) inch (+/-3") high guardrail. Guardrails shall have either one (1) mid-rail halfway between the walk surface and the top rail or vertical pickets a maximum of nineteen (19) inches apart.  
**OSHA 1926.501(b)**
6. Runways over open stoops shall be of substantial solid materials and be constructed to support expected loads without failing due to deflection or movement. Runways shall meet one of the following:
  - a. Twenty-four (24) inches wide with guardrails on both sides.
  - b. Thirty-six (36) inches wide with guardrails on one side.
  - c. Entire width of the stoop without guardrails provided the stoop is less than six (6) feet above the adjacent grade.**OSHA1926.651**
7. Ladders must be OSHA approved and rated for a minimum of three hundred (300) pounds. Site built ladders must have rungs between ten (10) and fourteen (14) inches apart. Side rails must be a minimum of eleven and one-half (11-1/2) inches apart. Ladders must extend a minimum of three (3) feet above the surface they serve and be securely fastened in place.  
**OSHA 1926.1053**
8. Scaffolding must be OSHA approved and be properly installed.  
**OSHA1926.451**
9. Pull down and disappearing stairs must be in good repair and in proper working order.
10. Ramps shall have a maximum of one in twelve (1/12) slope and shall be a minimum of thirty (30) inches wide. They shall meet the same requirements for handrails as stairs.  
**OSHA1910.37**
11. Crawlspace must be clear of debris or unsafe conditions that may cause injury. If the doorway or clearance between joists and earth are less than that prescribed by the Building Code and are inadequate for safe access to perform an inspection the inspector may request the presence of another inspector during the inspection.