

# TOOLBOX TALKS

The Upside of Safety



## Stairs

If there is a drop off of 19 inches or greater on a roof, stairs or a step stool must be set up to ensure safe entering and exiting from a ladder, aerial lift, scaffold, etc.

**CORRECT**



VS.

**WRONG**



A stair way has been installed to access the level that is greater then 19 inches.



The parapet is greater then 19 inches so stairs or a step stool must be placed under the ladder access.

## Stairway Requirements

- Buckets or other unstable roofing material must not be used as an alternative to stairs or step stools.
- Riser height and tread must be the same on each stairway.
- Stairways that have more then four stairs must have a handrail.
- Stairways should be free of obstruction and damages.
- Do not use stairs if they are damaged. Check stairs and step stools during your pre-work safety inspection to ensure they are not damaged.



