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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT



## Political Action:

Members can have a political voice in the home construction industry through our four builder councils. Our association has an extremely effective Government Affairs Department with lobbyists working on your behalf for both local jurisdictions and on the state level.

## Educational Opportunities:

There are many educational opportunities structured to serve the construction industry. Some offer our members professional certification including Certified Graduate Remodeler CGR, Certified Aging in Place CAP, Certified Graduate Builder CGB, and Certified Sales Professional CSP.

## Environmental Action:

Built Green offers our builder members and remodelers an opportunity to certify their projects by meeting certain energy and environmental levels. Built Green Certification has become very attractive to homebuyers.

Our business is serving your business. Help us help you. If you would like help to become engaged in any of these programs, member benefits, activities or marketing opportunities, please e-mail for more information at [lciment@mbaks.com](mailto:lciment@mbaks.com), or call me at (425) 460-8204. ★

## What's Wrong with this Picture?

By Patrick Achurra, Safety Matters

**Answer:** So, what is the issue here, or should I say, what are the issues here?

Let's start with the ladder codes. Under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296-876-40005, Designed Use, "you must use ladders only for their intended purpose." It is implied that this is not the intention of the ladder manufacturer for the ladder to be used to reach a higher location on a scaffold.

Why is that you ask? Time to look at the scaffold codes under WAC 296-874-20042. "You must meet all of the following when using ladders on scaffolds: Use ladders only on large area scaffolds; secure the platform units to the scaffold to prevent movement; secure the scaffold against the sideways thrust exerted by the ladder if the ladder is placed against a structure that's not part of the scaffold; make sure the ladder legs are secured to prevent them from slipping or being pushed off the platform and on the same scaffold platform, or use other means, to stabilize the ladder against uneven platform deflection." The pictured ladder does not meet all the criteria.

The most obvious of the issues here is the lack of fall protection. WAC 296-874-20052 states "You must protect each employee on a scaffold more than 10 feet (3.1 m) above a lower level, from falling to the lower level, by providing either: A personal fall arrest system or guardrails."

Please refer to the full list of WAC codes at the Washington



State Legislature website, <http://www.lni.wa.gov>.

### Residential Construction (ResCon) Safety Group:

The mission of the ResCon Safety Group is to increase awareness and improve the safety culture for business owners and safety professionals in the residential construction market through the provision of safety forums, events and support teams they can participate in.

Please join us for the next ResCon Safety Group Meeting, held the second Friday of each month. ★



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