



Ladder Safety Systems

You may be aware that a fixed ladder longer than 20 feet requires the presence of ladder cage. However, a new OSHA deadline that went into effect on **November 19, 2018** changed the safety requirements for fixed ladders:

- A fixed ladder with a cage that was constructed **prior** to this deadline must have a ladder safety system installed within 20 years.
- For fixed ladders over 24 feet in length that are newly installed **or** if any section of an existing fixed ladder is repaired or replaced after the November 19 deadline, a ladder safety or personal fall arrest system **must** be installed.
- After November 18, 2036 **all** fixed ladders over 24 feet in length must have a ladder safety system or personal fall arrest system installed.
- Existing ladder cages may remain on fixed ladders as long as they do not interfere with the ladder safety system or fall arrest system.

The Lad-Saf System from 3M™ Fall Protection is one of the more common options to consider for a ladder safety system and it has been recently updated and improved for a very simple and quick installation. Systems can be custom configured or a complete system can be purchased for more common lengths. The system is lightweight and can accommodate various ladder rung shapes and spacings. A standard Lad-Saf System consists of:

- Top and bottom brackets
- Lifeline cable
- Cable guides

- Cable sleeve

All of the above components are offered in either galvanized or stainless steel.

For more information on these systems, check out the [3M™ Fall Protection Lad-Saf Brochure](#).

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