



# Elkhart County Planning & Development

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## ELKHART COUNTY BUILDING ORDINANCE NO. 08-400

**ITEM 8. INSPECTIONS.** It shall be the duty of the person doing the work authorized by a permit to notify the Building Commissioner that such work is ready for inspection. It shall be the duty of the owner, contractor, or person requesting any inspections required by this section to provide a safe and unobstructed access into the structure with no special arrangements or appointments required. No ramps or ladders shall be permitted; temporary steps at a minimum must be provided into a structure. No work shall be done on any part of a building or structure or other project beyond the point indicated in each successive inspection without first obtaining the approval of the Building Commissioner...

Item 8 in the County Ordinance applies to all inspection types, including something that could be overlooked as shown here: Permanent Service inspections. **SAFE** access must be provided to any and all areas requiring inspection. No ramps or ladders will be used for the Inspectors for purposes of performing the required inspection.



A ladder is used at one end to support the ramp. Is this ladder even on stable ground?

The LVL used as a ramp is not secured to the ladder.

Some LVL's are manufactured with a weather resistant coating which can become slippery when wet or snow covered. This example shows the LVL snow covered.

The ground rod below the ramp could be a serious hazard should an Inspector slip

A better solution:  
Full sheets of OSB are installed, supported by the brick ledge, secured to each other and the support members underneath.  
The snow has been removed prior to inspection.

