



ICC Los Angeles Basin Chapter and Ventura Region Chapter
Joint Inspection Committee
“Small Solar System One-Inspection Process Bulletin Program”



Bulletin 4 – Systems installed on roofs of: multi-story homes, tile or concrete shingles, and or of pitches greater than 4:12.

Building inspectors accessing roofs with tile, or concrete shingles, and or of pitches greater than 4:12, are highly discouraged. When damaging the finished surfaces of a roof is not of a concern, I.E. for roofs with asphalt shingles or rolled asphalt roofing, providing access to any roof is the contractors responsibility.

If an inspector proposes to access a roof via ladder, the inspector should make sure it is California Department of Industrial Relations - General Industry Safety Orders compliant (commonly referred to as “OSHA compliant”). Moreover, the inspector needs to be aware when fall protection is required due to the height and or steepness of the pitch of the roof.

Although it’s the contractor’s obligation to provide the safe access, it’s the inspector’s responsibility to understand what safe access is – it’s the AHJ’s responsibility to have safety training.

Avoid all potential issues – all the more reason for the inspector to stay on the ground and use photos (See bulletins 2 and 7.)

Inspection access to the roofs of the structures depicted below is highly discouraged.



See: California Department of Industrial Relations - General Industry Safety Orders:

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/3276.html>