

ICW Ladder Elimination Challenge

Empower your team with this dynamic Safety Talk!

Dive into the real dangers of ladder use, cover a real-life accident example, and equip workers with proven strategies to stay safe and confident on the job.

Take on the challenge of ladder safety month:

- View the webinar
- Complete the challenge – Earn points through process improvement, building awareness and better decision making.
- Earn your certificate and social media badge
- Empower your team to make better decisions when working from heights.

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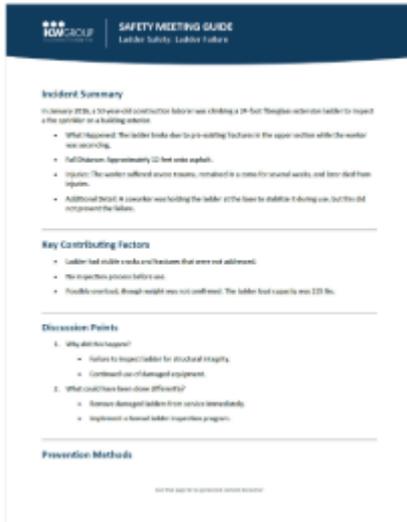
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Ladder Safety: Environmental Hazards



Ladder Safety:

Ladder Failure



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Ladder Safety: Extension Ladder Incident



Ladder Safety: Ladder Selection

Real Life Accident - Lessons Learned

An employee was installing drywall in a high-rise building lobby. The worker positioned an aluminum extension ladder before the install point, and started using the working side for the job while standing on both rungs. The employer could not mark the location for the hanging bar without exceeding safe working limits. In comparison, the worker could step the top step off the ladder, an extension could be used, and then had the time to set up the work area. This scenario's ladder is highlighted in red, in addition to the worker falling 20 feet, landing on the ladder and hitting their head on the metal top. The report included their unconscious, and they remained unconscious for two days in the hospital. The report mentioned included a maximum brain injury, fractured skull, jaw and ribs. The worker's compensation claim cost was \$1.7 million.

Key Mistakes and Risk Factors

- Selected the wrong ladder for the job
- Standing on the top step of both sides...near alternative side
- No helper stabilizing or holding the ladder base
- Looting excessively from ladder, shifting center of gravity

How To Prevent Ladder Accidents

1. Use the right equipment for the job (Consider alternatives like a scissor lift for high or hard to reach places).
2. Choose the correct ladder type and height. Invest in a ladder that cannot safely reach your work area.
3. NEVER stand on the top step or top rungs of the ladder.
4. Make sure someone is available to hold or steady the base if needed, especially on slippery surfaces.
5. Place ladder on a stable, level surface.
6. Avoid leaning, overreaching, or shifting your weight when on a ladder.

Discussion Points

- Have you ever seen unsafe ladder use or nearly taken yourself?
- Are there tasks within our operation that could/should be performed using a scissor lift instead of a ladder?
- What can you do if you feel you have the wrong ladder for the job?
- What does our use take of our company to ensure ladders are used safely?

Incident Impact

- Lifelong disability for injured worker
- Work Comp Claim Cost: \$1.7 million.

For more reports or general information

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