Ladders — Make Ladder Safety a High Priority Stats and Facts

FACTS

- 1. Falls from ladders are the leading cause of deaths on construction sites.
- 2. Over the past decade, the number of people who have died from falls from ladders has tripled.
- 3. Falls from ladders are the leading cause of ladder-related injuries, followed by using a ladder improperly, using a faulty or defective ladder, and simple carelessness.
- 4. Ladders are available in many forms ranging from: attic ladders, orchard ladders, and roof ladders to sectional ladders, cat ladders, Christmas tree ladders,
- 5. There are 4 main types of ladder injuries. These include injuries related to: selecting the wrong type of ladder, using worn/damaged ladders, using ladders incorrectly, and placing ladders incorrectly.
- 6. Fractures are the most common type of ladder-related injury.

STATS

- According to the World Health Organization, the United States leads the world in ladder deaths. Each year, there are more than 164,000 emergency room-treated injuries and 300 deaths in the U.S. that are caused by falls from ladders.
- Most ladder deaths are from falls of 10 feet or less.
- More than 500,000 people receive emergency room treatment from ladder-related injuries every year.
- These deaths account for 15% of all occupational deaths.
- Elevated falls account for almost 700 occupational deaths annually.
- More than 90,000 people receive emergency room treatment from ladder-related injuries every year.

- The most common type of ladder-related injury, with 32%, is fractures.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, at least 50 percent of ladder-related accidents were due to individuals carrying items while they climbed. Additionally, each year, more than 900,000 people receive emergency room treatment from ladder-related injuries.