Safe Ladder Use Picture This



What’s wrong in this picture?

The appropriate use of ladders ensures workers go home safe and sound every day. That’s clearly not happening here! Ladders should only be used vertically, for their intended purpose, not as a slackline or tightrope. Combined with the lack of Fall Protection PPE, this image is a recipe for disaster.

Falls are the leading cause of deaths in and around the home. The National safety council, notes that over 6,000 people die from falls in and around the home each year and more than 30,000 people are injured each year by falls involving ladders. Most of these accidents occur because the victims violate the basic rules of ladder safety.

Ladders are tools. Many of the basic safety rules that apply to most tools also apply to the safe use of a ladder.