Safe Ladder Use 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

- In 2018, 150 workers died while using a ladder. (BLS)
- In 2017, there were 20,000 non-fatal workplace injuries involving ladders. (BLS)
- According to the BLS, 50% of all ladder-related injuries occurred when the individual was climbing with objects in their hands.
- 500,000 people receive medical treatment in the U.S. annually due to ladder use, according to the CPSC.
- 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.

- 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.