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Safety Tip of the Week

Safety on Ladders

Virtually every single ladder accident could and should have been prevented. It only takes a little bit of common sense about ladder safety to prevent an accident from occurring while using ladders.

Four Rules for Safe Use of Ladders:

- Pick the right ladder for the job you are going to do.
- Make sure the ladder is in good condition.
- Set up the ladder correctly.
- Work safely on the ladder.

Check the Condition of the Ladder:

- Never use a damaged ladder.
- Make sure all parts of the ladder are in good working order, free from corrosion, rust, rot, cracks, and other defects.
- Check the rungs, side rails, braces, hinges, ropes, and pulleys. See that the rungs are free of slippery substances such as oil.
- Never use a painted ladder because the paint can hide defects.
 - To protect it, use a clear preservative instead of paint.
- Make sure that the non-slip rubber feet are in good condition. Check overall for any signs of warping or twisting.

Ladders are a pretty simple type of equipment. But don't allow that simplicity to get in the way of following safe procedures.



LADDER INSPECTION IS A MUST...SO YOU DON'T END UP IN THE DUST!