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LADDER SAFETY FACT SHEET

The Human Cost: Ladder Related Injuries and Fatalities

- Each year, nearly 100 people die from ladder related injuries.
- Each year, 140,000 people are treated for ladder-related injuries.
- Each year, 150,000 people are involved in a ladder-related accident.
- The average full cost of an accident is \$80,000.
- Falls remain a leading cause of unintentional injury and mortality nationwide, and 43% of fatal falls in the last decade have involved a ladder.
- Among workers, approximately 20% of all injuries involve ladders, and among construction workers, an estimated 81% of fall injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms involve a ladder.
- On a yearly basis, OSHA estimates that as many as four fatalities, 5,360 impact injuries, and 1,900 sprain or strain injuries occur on stairways used in construction.

The Financial Cost: Medical Costs, Legal Costs, and Fines

- The estimated annual cost of ladder-related injuries is \$11 billion (including work loss, medical, legal, liability, and pain and suffering expenses).
- Ladder accidents cost companies an average of \$80,000 USD per occurrence.
- The average OSHA fine per out-of-spec ladder costs is over \$1,500.

Ladder safety reduces costs, prevents injury, and saves lives!

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