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WHY LADDER SAFETY TRAINING?

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI A 14.5-2007, Table 27) provides a detailed “Summary of Significant Accident Causes” relevant to two commonly used ladders: self-supporting (stepladder) and non-self-supporting (extension and single) ladders and a breakdown of the “Possible Factors Involved in Accident.” They are:

- Improper Selection: (1) Ladder too short (2) Wrong style: extension ladder vs. stepladder, etc.
- Improper Setup: (1) Even or unstable ground (2) Too shallow set-up angle
- Incorrect Use: (1) Standing above highest standing level (2) Reaching too far

Other factors that support the need for ladder safety training include:

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 50% of all ladder-related accidents were due to individuals carrying items as they climbed.
- OSHA believes 100% of all ladder accidents can be prevented if proper attention to equipment and training are required.
- Training ensures employees know and understand how to safely use climbing equipment. This reduces injuries and improves productivity.
- Training may reduce insurance rates.

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

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