

SAFETY MEETING TOPIC

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Job Name _____ Location _____ Job No. _____
Meeting Leader _____ Title _____
Date Held _____ Place _____ Time _____
Subject of Meeting _____ CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS _____

Each year thousands of workers are injured while working on stairways and ladders. Falls from stairways and ladders result in cuts, bruises and broken bones. In some cases lives are lost when safe working practices are ignored or not understood.

Whenever workers use stairways and ladders the danger of falling exists. Federal regulations have been introduced to protect workers and create safer, more productive working environments. These regulations govern the construction, installation, maintenance and use of stairways and ladders.

This instruction is designed to assist employers in meeting the training requirements of the law. We will discuss some federal regulations that apply to stairways and ladders, the causes of stairway and ladder accidents, and actions that can be taken to prevent accidents. Upon completion of this training, workers should be able to select, inspect, and use portable ladders in a safe manner.

LADDERS

The three most common causes for ladder accidents are:

1. Ladders in Poor Condition

Damaged ladders should never be used. Always inspect ladders before and after they are used. If ladders are tipped over while in use or you suspect a problem, inspect it for damage.

2. Improper Selection

Know the weight capacities and height limitations of ladders. Follow instructions given for selecting the correct ladder for the task.

3. Improper Use

Ladders are designed to get you to a higher level. Do not use them as platforms, scaffolds or braces.