

Ladders Last – Use Safer Alternatives First



What is Ladders Last?

“Ladders Last” is a program that will save lives. The idea is based on prevention rather than protection. This is accomplished by identifying other means of access and or elevated work platforms that better protect workers and support safe production rather than defaulting to the choice of a ladder.

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- Ladders will be used on Layton Construction Projects only after it has been determined that there is no other feasible method to perform the elevated work.
- All ladder work will be permitted work, requiring sign off by the LCC Superintendent or a Layton Safety Manager.
- Subcontractors shall complete the Layton Construction Ladder Use Permit and have it reviewed and approved by the Layton Superintendent.
- While working on/from the ladder, 3 points of contact must be maintained at all times, if 3 points cannot be maintained, 100% tie off must be utilized when above a 4’ working height.
- Lanyards will not be acceptable fall protection while working from a ladder. Retractables will be the only acceptable personal fall arrest system used when working from a ladder.
- Job Built Ladders will only be allowed with approval of the Site Superintendent and Project’s Safety Manager on a case by case basis.
- Extension ladders when Permitted must have walk through extensions.
- Platform Ladders shall be the ladder of choice on Layton Construction Projects when a ladder has been approved.
- Daily Ladder Inspection Tag with sign off by user will be attached to each ladder.

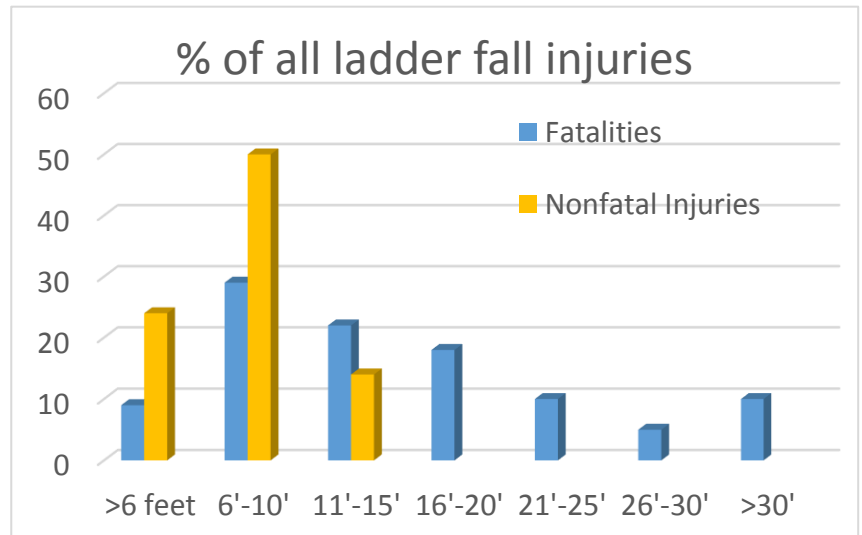
Ladder Permits:

Provide:

- Mandatory Engagement (LCC Project Team inspection of use)
- Elevated documented oversight
- Correct ladder size and set-up
- Training documentation for use

National Statistics

- A new study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that falls remain a leading cause of death and nearly half of those deadly falls have been from ladders.
- Approximately 20% of fall injuries involve ladders. Among construction workers an estimated 81% of fall injuries treated in emergency rooms involve ladders.
- Over the last 10 years the amount of ladder-related injuries has increased 50%
- The construction industry has the highest Ladder Fall Injuries (LFI) rate compared to other industries
- Ladder Fall Injuries (LFI) increase with age
- Companies with the fewest employees have the highest fatality rates
- Head injuries were implicated in about half of the fatal injuries
- More than 90,000 people receive emergency room treatment from ladder-related injuries every year



Why:

- Constant misuse, Failure to use ladders correctly, Failure to inspect, Failure to train employees