

TOOLBOX TOPICS

TYPES OF LADDERS

Three commonly found types of ladders are:

- 1. STRAIGHT LADDERS/EXTENSION LADDERS** - a commonly used ladder for roofing, painting, and framing, etc. Should not be used for electrical work and not to be used as a scaffold or platform support at any time. It is not designed to support your weight in that manner.
- 2. STEP LADDERS** - are also commonly used, with four feet evenly positioned, as the ladder is designed to support in the fully open position. Don't use the supports of this ladder for steps. They are just that, supports that give strength to the ladders.
- 3. JOB-MADE LADDERS** - otherwise known as a construction ladder, this ladder is made on the jobsite and should not extend past 24 feet. OSHA regulations require specific designs being built into the ladder, for example use of stress grade lumber, using filler blocks and free of sharp edges and splinters, use of common rails-flush to the surface.

These ladders should be tied-off securely to avoid slipping or tipping, whether attached to the building or staked-off from ground level.

There is not a specific way to tie off, this will depend on the best way to prevent an injury, and maintain compliance. Discuss this with your supervisor.

BE SAFE - AN ELEVATED SURFACE CAN BE DANGEROUS !

THIS LADDER IS UNSAFE.

THE OTHER TWO ARE BEING USED CORRECTLY

