Stepladders

Reaching New Heights of Safety

Whether decorating for a birthday, stringing holiday lights or changing a lightbulb, stepladders can be a safe and handy tool at work or at home.

Stepladder Do’s

• Check its load rating...can it support you and your tools?
• Assess its condition...are rivets tight? Any defective braces or parts?
• Inspect for slipping hazards like oil or grease on its surfaces
• Fully open its spreaders and shelf, and lock its braces
• For stability, make sure its feet are on a firm, even surface
• Avoid overreaching–Keep it close to the task at hand

Stepladder Don’ts

• Attempt to “walk” a stepladder while standing on it
• Stand, climb or sit on the top of a stepladder
• Let more than one person on the stepladder at a time
• Place a stepladder on a wet or otherwise slippery surface
• Climb so high your knees are above the stepladder’s top
• Climb up or down in a sideways position
• Climb the back of a stepladder