



Weekly Safety Meeting

Stack Ladders



Instructor: _____ Date/Time: _____

Stack Ladders are a specific tool used by Window Cleaners and Pressure Washers and have specific instructions when it comes to safety.

OSHA Requirements

1910.23(b)(9)

Ladders are inspected before initial use in each work shift, and more frequently as necessary, to identify any visible defects that could cause employee injury;

1910.23(b)(10)

Any ladder with structural or other defects is immediately tagged "Dangerous: Do Not Use" or with similar language in accordance with § 1910.145 and removed from service until repaired in accordance with § 1910.22(d), or replaced;

1910.23(b)(7)

Ladder surfaces are free of puncture and laceration hazards;

Talking Points:

Employee responsible to inspect all ladders before using. Make sure ladder is safe, if not, do not use and report to management immediately.

1910.23(c)(4)

Ladders are used only on stable and level surfaces unless they are secured or stabilized to prevent accidental displacement;

Talking Points:

Things that cause displacement- Unlevel Ground, Improper Angle, Unstable Top. Never place ladder against glass. Use Leg Levelers and Top Stabilizers when needed.

1910.23(b)(8)

Ladders are used only for the purposes for which they were designed;

Talking Points:

Ladders are never to be used as planking. Manufacturer has set a height restriction on stack ladders follow sticker on side of rungs most are 21' which means you can stack no more than 4 six ft sections. The ladders are equipped with locking pins and they should always be utilized.

1910.23(b)(11)

Each employee faces the ladder when climbing up or down it;

1910.23(b)(12)

Each employee uses at least one hand to grasp the ladder when climbing up and down it; and

1910.23(b)(13)

No employee carries any object or load that could cause the employee to lose balance and fall while climbing up or down the ladder.

1910.23(c)(6)

No ladder is moved, shifted, or extended while an employee is on it;

Talking Points:

Maintain three points of contact while climbing up and down the ladder. Use tool belts to holster tools while climbing. When working keep belt buckle inside the frames of the ladders



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1910.23(c)(7)

Ladders placed in locations such as passageways, doorways, or driveways where they can be displaced by other activities or traffic:

1910.23(c)(7)(i)

Are secured to prevent accidental displacement; or

1910.23(c)(7)(ii)

Are guarded by a temporary barricade, such as a row of traffic cones or caution tape, to keep the activities or traffic away from the ladder;

Talking Points:

Use leg levelers and top stabilizers where needed. Anytime ladder is placed where things like people or traffic could tip ladder over use appropriate barricades and personnel to ensure person on ladder is safe.

1910.23(c)(9)

Portable ladders used on slippery surfaces are secured and stabilized;

1910.23(c)(10)

The top of a non-self-supporting ladder is placed so that both side rails are supported, unless the ladder is equipped with a single support attachment;

1910.23(c)(11)

Portable ladders used to gain access to an upper landing surface have side rails that extend at least 3 feet (0.9 m) above the upper landing surface (see Figure D-1 of this section);

Talking Points:

When setting up ladder to access another surface such as roof ladder rungs must extend 3' above gutter line and the ladder must be secured at the top with locking device, bungee, or stabilizer on the roof. Also both rails of the ladder should rest on the top surface.

1910.23(c)(12)

Ladders and ladder sections are not tied or fastened together to provide added length unless they are specifically designed for such use;

Talking Points:

Stack ladders are designed to be stacked together but do have a height restriction. 4 six ft sections or no more than 21'. Follow sticker on the side of rung. Always use locking pins.

1910.23(c)(13)

Ladders are not placed on boxes, barrels, or other unstable bases to obtain additional height.

Talking Points:

Ladders should be placed on the ground or other working surface and never on unstable items.

Employee Names or Signatures of personnel who attended the meeting

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