

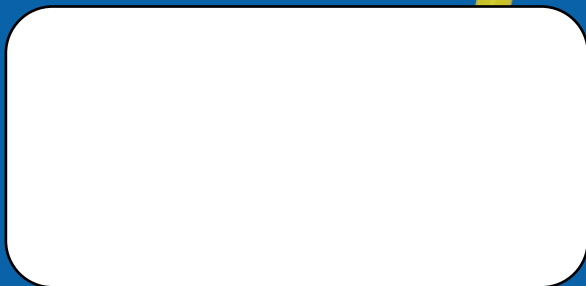


# LADDER SAFETY TIPS



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## Choose the Right Ladder in 3 Easy Steps

### STEP 1 SELECT HEIGHT\*

The Right Height - To ensure you choose the ladder best suited to your needs, follow the Werner height safety chart.

\*Assumes a 5'6" person with a vertical 12" reach.

### STEP 2 SELECT PERFORMANCE

Ladders are rated for their weight bearing capabilities according to ANSI/OSHA.

**WERNER PERFORMANCE SYSTEM™**

**Color Match for Ladder Performance.**

★ 200 lbs.	★★ 225 lbs.	★★★ 250 lbs.	★★★★ 300 lbs.	★★★★★ 375 lbs.
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Combined weight of user and materials\*\*

Be sure to consider future projects and other users when buying a ladder. See packaging for details.

### STEP 3 SELECT MATERIAL

#### FIBERGLASS

For working around electricity  
Non-conductive side rails

**STRENGTH** - 7-layer construction  
**DURABILITY** - Corrosion-resistant

#### ALUMINUM

Not for use around electricity  
Lightweight

#### \*\* APPROXIMATE MATERIAL WEIGHTS

Bundle of shingles	70 lbs.
5 gallon roof coating	70 lbs.
5 gallons of paint	60 lbs.
Tool box with tools	35 lbs.
Portable sprayer	20 lbs.
Ceiling fan	30 lbs.
3 x 4 window	80 lbs.
Garage door opener	40 lbs.
Basketball hoop	60 lbs.
Sheet of plywood	80 lbs.
(3) 4 x 4's	80 lbs.



## Read Instruction Labels

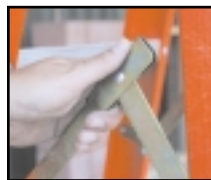
Werner ladders, stages, planks, and accessories are sold with safety instructions to guide users. These instructions and warnings should always be read before climbing. Failure to follow all instructions and warnings may result in serious injury or death. Be aware of and comply with all federal, state, local, ANSI, OSHA and other codes and regulations.



After you have chosen the right ladder for the job, review these safety tips:

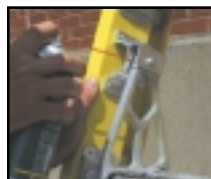
## Ladder Inspection

- Look over your ladder carefully — when you buy it and each time before climbing. Look for missing, damaged or loose components.
- DON'T use a damaged ladder.
- Make sure that working parts move properly and that all connections are secure.
- Carefully check spreaders, extension ladder locks, flippers and safety shoes.



## Care & Maintenance

- Keep ladders in good condition.
- Clean spills or drips and keep the ladder free from oil, paint and other slippery materials.
- Lightly lubricate moving parts.
- Store ladders out of the reach of children.
- Firmly support and protect ladders from heat, weather and corrosive materials.



## Safety Before You Climb

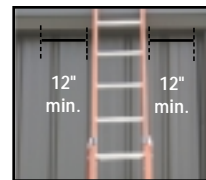
- Use fiberglass ladders if there is even a remote possibility of working near electricity or overhead power lines. Fiberglass side rails are electrically non-conductive.
- NEVER use metal, water logged or dirty wood ladders near electricity!
- Fully open the stepladder and firmly lock both spreaders.
- Position the ladder so you can face your work and do not have to lean sideways.



- Be sure that all ladder feet are on firm, level ground. Don't place a ladder on slippery surfaces or place loose materials underneath a ladder.



- Place the extension ladder top so both rails are fully supported.
- Support area should be at least 12" wide on both sides of the ladder.

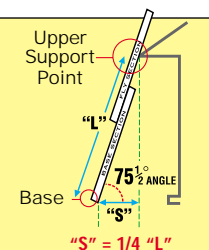


- Always be sure that the locks are fully engaged and the fly is in front of the base before climbing.



### 4 TO 1 Ratio

Place an extension ladder at a 75-1/2° angle. The set-back ("S") needs to be 1 ft. for each 4 ft. of length ("L") to the upper support point.



## The "Right" Way to Use a Ladder

- Be sure your ladder has been properly set-up and is used in accordance with safety instructions and warnings.
- Wear shoes with non-slip soles.



- Keep your body centered on the ladder. Hold the ladder with one hand while working with the other.
- Never let your belt buckle pass beyond either ladder rail.



- Move materials with extreme caution. Be careful pushing or pulling anything while on a ladder. You may lose your balance or tip the ladder.



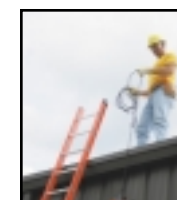
- Get help with a ladder that is too heavy to handle alone. If possible, have another person hold the ladder when you are working on it.



- Climb facing the ladder. Center your body between the rails. Maintain a firm grip.
- Always move one step at a time, firmly setting one foot before moving the other.



- Haul materials up on a line rather than carry them up an extension ladder.
- Use extra caution when carrying anything on a ladder.



Read ladder labels for additional information.

## The "Wrong" Way to Use a Ladder

- DON'T stand above the highest safe standing level.
- DO NOT stand above the second step from the top of a stepladder and the 4th rung from the top of an extension ladder. A person standing higher may lose their balance and fall.



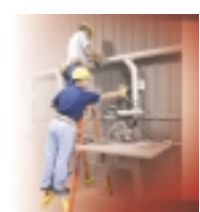
- DON'T climb a closed stepladder. It may slip out from under you.
- DON'T climb on the back of a stepladder. It is not designed to hold a person.



- DON'T stand or sit on a step ladder top or pail shelf. They are not designed to carry your weight.
- DON'T climb a ladder if you are not physically and mentally up to the task.



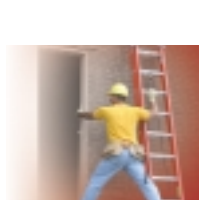
- DON'T exceed the Duty Rating, which is the maximum load capacity of the ladder. Do not permit more than one person on a single-sided stepladder or on any extension ladder.



- DON'T place the base of an extension ladder too close to the building as it may tip over backward.



- DON'T place the base of an extension ladder too far away from the building, as it may slip out at the bottom. Please refer to the 4 to 1 Ratio Box in the section "Safety Before You Climb."



- DON'T over-reach, lean to one side, or try to move a ladder while on it. You could lose your balance or tip the ladder. Climb down and then reposition the ladder closer to your work!

