



Stairway/Ladder Practices and Standards

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Ladders are indispensable for so many jobs like painting, repairing roofs, reaching storage areas, or changing light bulbs. People think more about the task at hand than the ladder that will get them there. Similarly, stairs can also be taken for granted. Workers who are aware of ladder and stairway safety are less likely to get hurt.

Falls from ladders and stairs happen in all industries, but OSHA has injury estimates for the construction industry. OSHA estimates that there are 24,882 injuries, and as many as 36 fatalities, per year due to falls from stairways and ladders used in construction. Nearly half of these injuries are serious enough to require time off the job; about 11,570 lost workday injuries occur annually.

Course Length Approximately 2.0 Hours

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