



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Seven Things You NEVER Do With Portable Ladders Safety Message

We've held several safety messages about the proper selection and use of various types of portable ladders, and well as actions and conditions to avoid when using a ladder. But something we haven't talked about too much are some of the ways that people misuse a ladder in ways that it was not designed. So here is a quick list of seven things you should never do with your portable ladder.

1. Never use your portable ladder as a make-shift scaffold stand or scaffold board.
2. Do not climb up the back side of a step ladder.
3. Do not use your portable ladder as a tool or equipment rack.
4. Do not tie two ladders together to make a longer one.
5. Never set up your ladder in the back of a truck bed, on top of a trailer, or in the bucket of a front end loader or other vehicle.
6. Do not salvage and use unbroken sections of a broken ladder.
7. Last but not least, do not allow two or more people to climb or work from a ladder at the same time.

Does anyone have any additional examples of the misuse of a portable step ladder or extension ladder?