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SAFETY ALERT FALL FROM LADDER

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WHAT HAPPENED:

Our apprentice was using a ladder for access to his workplace. The apprentice was descending the ladder front first. He slipped and fell to the ground from the rung approximately 1.5 meters in height.



WHY DID IT HAPPEN (DIRECT CAUSE):

The apprentice was not using the correct method of descending a ladder. The apprentice should have descended facing the ladder using three points of contact. Eg Two hands and one foot or one hand and two feet

Contributing Factors:

- Safe work with ladder procedure not followed
- Worker was complacent coming down the ladder

Corrective Actions Required:

- Re instruction to the workers in the Safe use of ladders – as per Workcover Code of Practice
- Employer to question the Worker on the safe procedure on ascending and descending a ladder to ensure the worker understands how to use a ladder safely.
- Ensure a tool box talk with ladder safety as a topic once every two months.

Key Learning's:

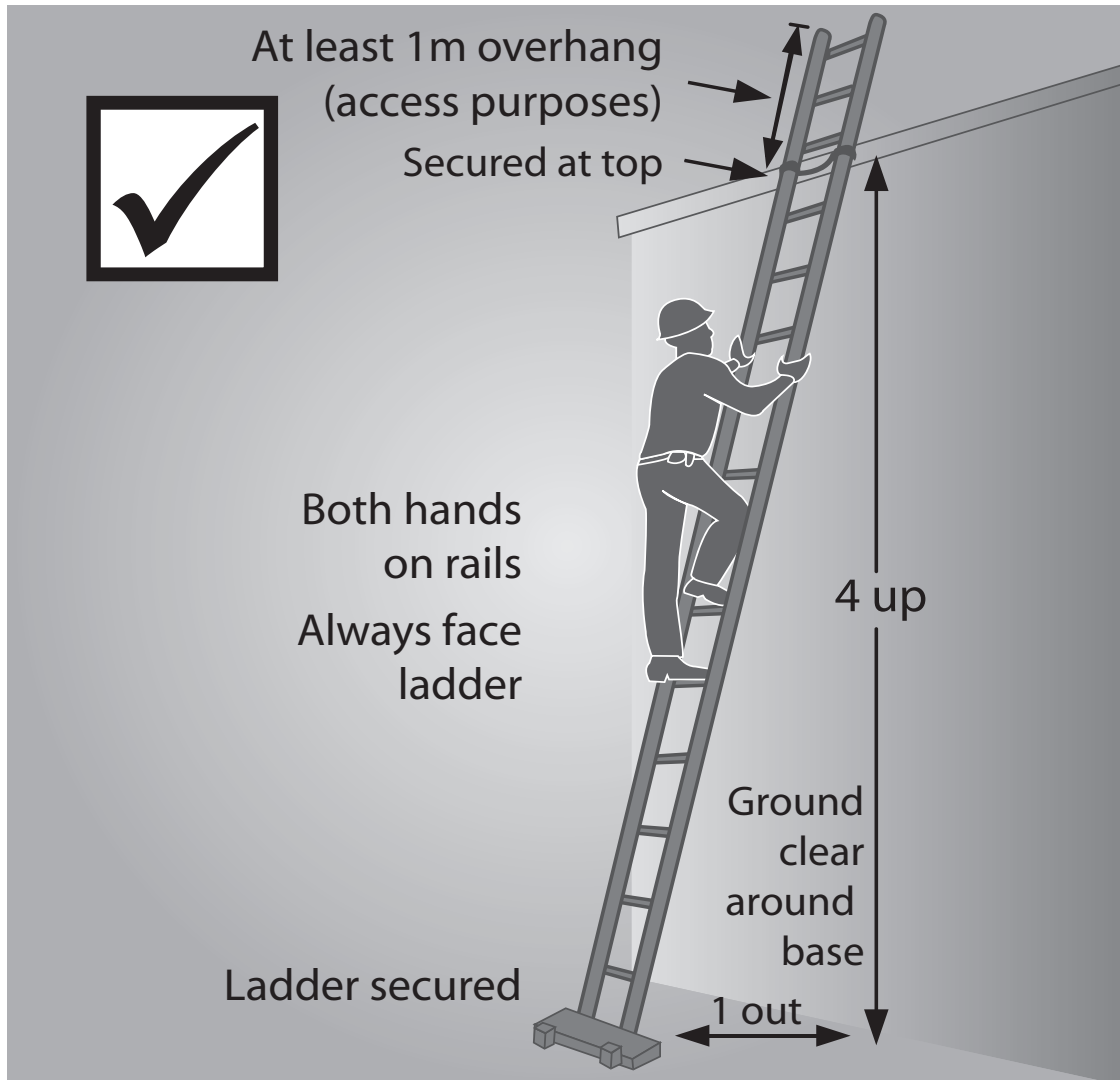
- When workers are using ladders regularly and are comfortable with them there could be some complacency on the risks that are associated with them.
- Use ladder safety as a topic in all tool box talks at least once every two months to reinforce the safety
- Falling from a height greater than two meters can kill or cause serious injury to you or someone else.

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Workcover approved method for safe use of ladders

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