



Safety Talk



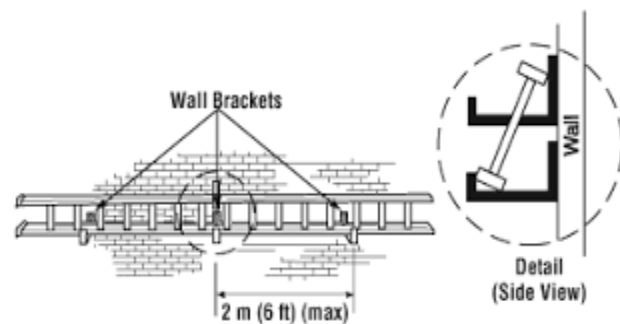
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Ladder and Step Stool Storage

Ladder storage and maintenance are important when talking about worker safety. Prior to using a ladder or step stool in the workplace, workers should be adequately trained in the proper inspection, use and maintenance of the specific makes and models of ladders that the worker may be asked to use in the workplace.

Tips for Storing Ladders and Step Stools

- Store ladders where they are protected from the weather
- Store and secure ladders / step stools against the wall to prevent accidentally falling over
- If storing ladders horizontally, support every 2m (6ft) to prevent potential sagging
- Do not store ladders / step stools in doorways, walkways or any other high traffic area
- Do not store ladders / step stools in excessively hot or cold conditions (ex. Freezers)
- Do not store materials on ladders
- Ensure ladders / step stools are returned to storage area after each use
- Ensure ladders / step stools are easily accessible in storage areas
- Keep ladders / step stools clean and available for use
- Keep ladders / step stools stored in a manner that allows easy inspection



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