LADDERS

"Metal ladders must not be used near or for electric service."

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1. Straight ladders shall be so placed that the distance of the base of the ladder from the object against which the ladder is leaning is 1/4 of the length of the ladder. Straight and extension ladders shall be tied at the top when in use.
2. Extension ladders must not be taken apart in order to use either section separately.
3. When ladders are found to be lacking in any safety device, or are found to be defective in any way, such ladders must not be used. Ladders found to be too defective for repairs are to be destroyed.
4. Defects in wooden ladders may be concealed by the use of paint. For this reason, ladders of this type must not be painted, except for necessary identifying marks.
5. Ladders should not be used as skids, braces, scaffold members, or for any other purpose than that for which they are intended.
6. In the event it is necessary to place a ladder over a doorway, the door must be roped off and signs erected to warn users of the door of the ladder's presence.
7. Hand lines shall be used to raise and lower material and tools.
8. Frequent changes in a ladder's position will forestall accidents caused by reaching too far in any direction while working from the ladder.
9. Users must always face ladders when ascending or descending. A helper shall hold ladder during tying or untying in No. 1 above.
10. Only one man on a ladder at any one time.
11. Stepladders must not be used as straight ladders.
12. The platform of a stepladder should never be used as a top step to stand on.

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