



## *Ladder Safety*

### **Study Finds the Most Commonly Cited Causes of Ladder Accidents Are Missing the Last Step and Overreaching**

Chicago, January 30, 2018 -- Missing the last step and overreaching were the two most cited issues as the cause for ladder accidents, according to a study completed by the American Ladder Institute (ALI) in 2016. Close behind were failure to use three points of contact and using the wrong ladder for the job. These cited causes of ladder accidents can be easily avoided by taking the following precautionary actions prior to using a ladder:

- Select the right type and size of ladder.
- Set up the ladder correctly.
- Inspect the ladder for damage and wear.
- Use the ladder correctly.

The indication is that education, precautionary actions and safer, more innovative equipment can prevent most ladder-related accidents. The American Ladder Institute provides free educational resource materials that promote and support effective ladder safety.

Join in this coming March for National Ladder Safety Month and make ladder safety a priority for your people. Your people are your most important asset. ALI will place a special focus on ladder safety with the second annual National Ladder Safety Month. The focus of the ladder safety conversation will be divided in to four areas:

- February 25 - March 3: What Is Ladder Safety?
- March 4 - March 10: Ladder Safety at Work: Focus on Company Leadership
- March 11 - March 17: Ladder Safety at Work: Focus on the Employee
- March 18 - March 31: Ladder Inspection and Disposal

Learn more how you can participate in National Ladder Safety Month by visiting [www.laddersafetymonth.com](http://www.laddersafetymonth.com).

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