

# TXWCC Ladder Safety



Safety tips handout on ladder inspection and proper use.

Do you know there's a killer on the job that you probably meet face-to-face every day? A common, ordinary ladder can be a killer. Ladders are involved in many accidents, some of which are fatal. Your life literally can depend on knowing how to inspect, use, and care for this tool.

## **Inspecting ladders**

Before using any ladder, inspect it. Look for the following faults:

1. loose or missing rungs, cleats, or bracing;
2. loose nails, bolts, or screws;
3. cracked, broken, split, dented, or badly worn rungs, cleats, or side rails;
4. wood splinters;
5. corrosion of metal ladders or...