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Toolbox Talk

Ladder Safety – Week of: 3/8/26 – 3/14/26

March is National Ladder Safety Month, a time to focus attention on the critical topic of ladder safety. A ladder-related fatality happens nearly every day in the U.S on the job and at home. According to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, and a half-million people are treated for ladder-related injuries each year. Falls from portable ladders are one of the leading causes of occupational fatalities and injuries. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics states there were **161 fatal** work injuries and **more than 22,000 injuries** from which ladders were the primary source.

Before using or working with any ladder you must read and follow all labels/markings on the ladder. All ladders bought and used at Brieser Construction are Type IA or IAA.

- **Type IA** –These ladders have a duty rating of 300 pounds. Type IA ladders are recommended for extra-heavy-duty industrial use.
- **Type IAA** – These are extra heavy-duty ladders that can handle up to 375 lbs.

Avoid electrical hazards! – Look for overhead power lines before handling a ladder. Brieser only uses fiberglass ladders, however that does not eliminate the electrical hazard risk.

Inspect the ladder before each use to verify that it is free of defects and Safe to use.

Do not exceed the maximum load rating of a ladder. Be aware of the ladder's load rating and of the weight it is supporting, including the weight of any tools or equipment.

Important Notice

This Toolbox Talk Topic does not cover all possible hazards associated with this equipment and should be used in conjunction with the equipment manual. It is designed as a guide to be used to complement training in the field at Brieser Construction and as a reminder to users prior to equipment use.

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