

	<b>LADDERS - METAL</b>	Date:
	<b>TOOLBOX / TAILGATE TALK</b>	Presenter:

## Ladders: Metal Ladders

### Introduction

1. Review any accidents or "near accidents" from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the Safe way of doing the job.
3. Give the Tool Box Safety Talk

While all ladders can be hazardous when used incorrectly, metal ladders pose additional risks, particularly when working around electricity. Work safely with metal ladders by taking these steps:

- Inspect the ladder before using to ensure that it free of sharp edges dents, and bent steps, rungs, or rails. If the ladder is defective, remove it from service.
- Do not attempt to straighten a bent metal ladder.
- Make sure metal ladders have slip-resistant rubber or plastic feet.
- Keep rungs free of slippery material (grease, oil, paint, snow ice etc.).
- DO NOT use metal ladders around electrical equipment. Keep at least 10 feet away. Metal ladders conduct electricity.
- If you or the ladder could contact exposed, energized equipment, use a ladder with nonconductive side-rails.
- When working from a metal ladder, use only double-insulated or properly rounded electrical tools.



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