TOOLBOX TALK

LADDER SECURITY

Proper ladder use and securing ladders correctly are essential for preventing accidents and injuries on the job site.

Why is Ladder Security Important?
- Prevents slips, trips, and falls
- Ensures stability during use
- Protects workers and bystanders
- Complies with safety regulations

Key Points on Ladder Security:
- Inspection Before Use:
- Check for damage, cracks, or missing parts.
- Ensure rungs, stiles, and feet are in good condition.
- Do not use a defective ladder.

Setting Up the Ladder:
- Place the ladder on a stable, level surface.
- Avoid slippery or uneven ground.
- Use ladder levellers if necessary.

Securing the Ladder:
- Tie or secure the top of the ladder to a scaffold tube secured with load bearing couplers when possible.
- Use ladder stabilisers or anti-slip feet to prevent slipping.
- Ensure the ladder does not wobble or shift during use.

Angle and Positioning:
- Use the 4:1 rule—for every 4 feet of height, place the base 1 foot away from the wall.
- Maintain three points of contact when climbing.
- Do not lean out too far or overreach.

During Use:
- Keep tools and materials secured.
- Never climb above the third rung from the top.
- Be aware of surroundings, overhead hazards, and electrical wires.

After Use:
- Remove tools and debris from the ladder.
- Store the ladder in a safe place.
- Inspect again for any damage before storing.

Summary

Secure your ladder properly before use to ensure stability and safety. Always inspect, set up correctly, and secure your ladder to prevent accidents.

Remember, Alltask mandate the securing of ladders twice when fitted for access to scaffolds.

Questions or Concerns?

BRIEFING ATTENDANCE LADDER SECURITY

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