Home Work

Check your ladder for safety before you climb and work

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seen more bad luck happen from people misueing ladders than from walking under them.

If you need to use a ladder, use it safely. Here are a few tips and friendly reminders before you yenture up the ladder.

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Inspect the ladder before each isse. Look for damaged or loose barts, cracks or anything that just doesn't look right in the ladder's structure. If a problem is found, repair or replace the ladder. Avoid painting wooden ladders because the paint only hides potential defects.

Be certain the ladder is rated to carry your weight, which should include any tools or materials you're using.

Don't climb too high

Don't climb beyond the third step from the top on extension ladders and the second step from

the top on stepladders. If you must reach to either side of the ladder, keep your belt buckle or mid-section in the area between the rails, which will keep you balanced and you won't reach too It is often said that walking under a lad-

the rails, which will keep you balanced and you won't reach too far.

Avoid using metal ladders in the vicinity of electric lines. There's almost always a chance of electric contact. Many safety agencies recommend to avoid metal ladders altogether.

Set up the ladder on a firm, level surface. When using a stepladder, make sure the ladder bars locked. Extension ladders brain locked. Extension ladders brain locked. Extension ladders have locked. Extension ladders have locked. Extension ladders should be placed so the feet are one quarter of the working length away from where the ladder contacts the building. A simple way to do this is put your toes on the ladders' feet. (Your fingers should just touch the rung closest to arm level.)

In high traffic areas, barricade around the ladder. Keep the ground around the base of the ladder clear. If there is a chance of the ladder work on windy, stormy or rainy days.

Always face the ladder when climbing or descending and maintain three-point contact with two feet/one hand or one foot/two hands on the ladder. (Actually four-point contact with two feet/one hand or one foot/two hands on the ladder.

safer, but you won't move very fast.) Carry tells in a pouch, or raise them with a line.

Don't leave tools on the steps or rungs. These can easily drop on someone if the ladder is

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Avoid wearing loose clothing.
Never allow another person to
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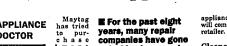
use the same ladder you are using.
Never, over "walk" a ladder. Get off a ladder to move it. What may have been funny in the movie "Animal House" wasn't on a job site where I watched a guy attempt this.
And probably the one tip that says it all is use common sense.

Volunteering

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For the past several days my
wife and I have been working on
what I would consider the most
rewarding construction project
I've ever been involved with. We
started June 2 to build a home
with other volunteers in the
Habitat for Humanity of Westcrn Wayne County's Plymouth
Blitz Build and we plan to turn
over the keys to the owners on
June 17.
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June 17.
This project is near completion, but there are still others continuing. If you can apare some time, please contact Habitat of Western Wayne at 734-450-7744. It's a great experience. Harry Jachyn, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students.

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more than \$300 million. The transaction will be completed this fall, and you can expect Maytag to make a big splash with the classy Amana refrigerator.

Amain refrigerator.

It was only eight years ago that Maytag purchased several other manufacturers with low end prices and slapped the name "Maytag" on them. The end result in the past few months has been a clean sweep of management and people coming out of retirement to again run the company. I predict Maytag will come out with an even stronger image than they've shared with consumers in the good, old years. they've shared with c in the good, old years.

Consumer aid

State Attorney General Jen-

The world of appliances evolves:

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nifer Granholm continues to go after cases of the "little guy being ripped off." A retail chain was nailed for not offering consumers a rain check for when the chain ran out of an advertised product. This is a very serious offense in the retail sales world because it sometimes leads to the old "bait and switch" routine. Today's consumer is smarter than ever, so these incidents are recognized rather quickly.

The appliance repair indus-

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The appliance repair industry continues to fall on hard times. For the past eight years, many repair companies have gone out of business and the trend continues to grow. With the recent closing of Montgomery Ward stores, the percentage of service technicians who have changed professions is well over 30 percent. At this rate, it wan't be long before the

Cleaner than ever

A testing laboratory has established safety guidelines for dishwashers and now manufacturers will decide how to implement these improvements. When these products become available, homeowners in the United States will have the cleanest dishes and silverware in the world. Thanks to the people behind the scenes who make this happen.

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The U.S. Department of Energy has set goals for manufacturors of washing machines. Washers in the next few years will save energy consumption and water usage and will cost the consumer a lot more menant when the substitute of the concurred about the earth, but the question remains, will it wash my clothes better or next.

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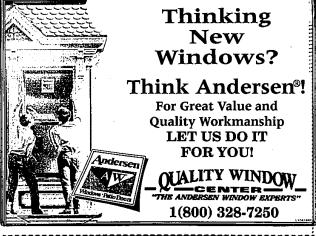
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