

Ladder Lunacy

The Ultimate Guide to
How Not To Use a Ladder



Nice scaffold... nice place
to step, also



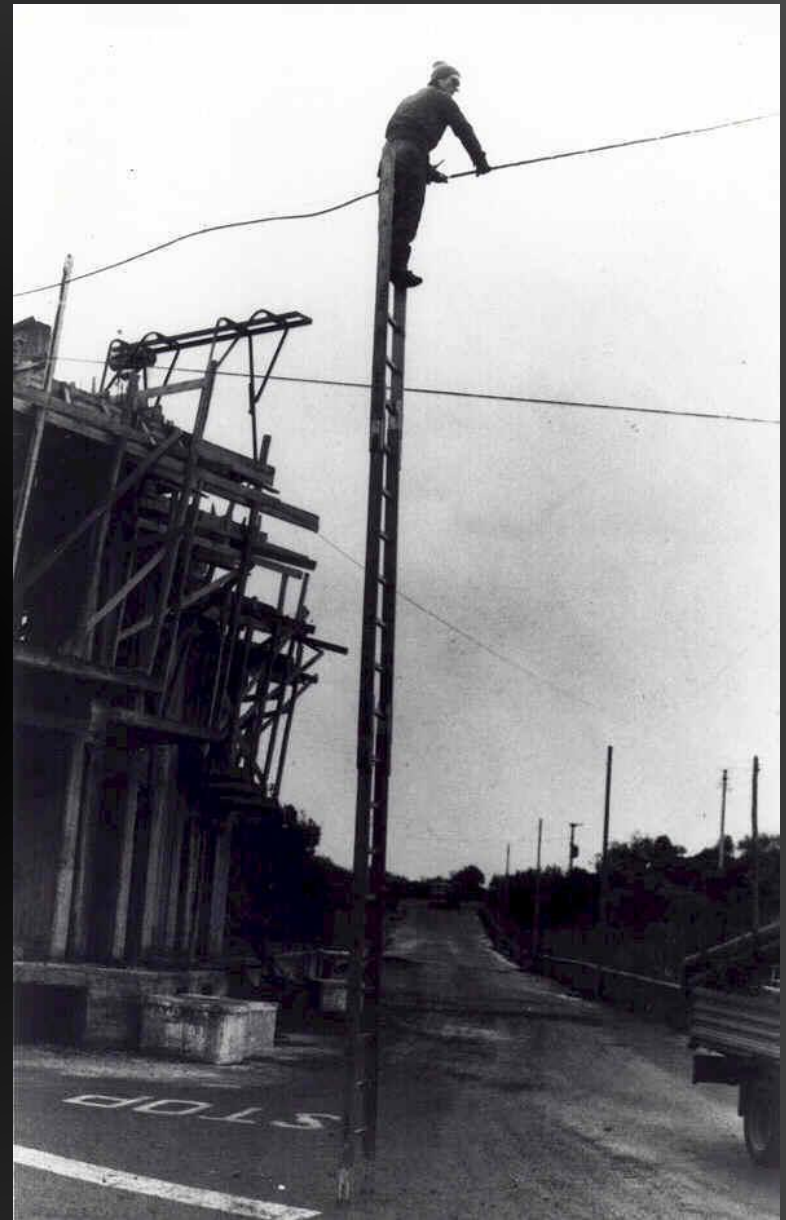
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Some reason you can't just move that ladder over a couple feet? Just curious.



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Now, all I have to do is figure out how to get down



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At least he's wearing his
eye protection



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Round pole, straight rung
(as if that was the
problem)



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The extension-ladder equivalent of free climbing



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What acrobats do as a part-time job



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Some people sure are
brave



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Those 2x4s offer a remarkable sense of protection



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Now let us pray (that the ladder doesn't slip)



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And it *still* isn't quite tall enough, darn it



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When two heads aren't better than one



On a ladder, your brakes should be the least of your worries



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“OK, that’s fixed, now climb it.”

“No, you climb it.”

“No, you climb it.”



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Misunderstanding the “Not” in “Not-a-Step”



Misunderstanding the “Not” in “Not-a-Step,” Part 2



Seriously, here are some rules

- Use the right kind of ladder for your task. Most homeowners need a stepladder and a straight ladder (usually an extension ladder).
- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions on the label attached to the ladder.
- Make sure your ladder is tall (or long) enough. For stepladders, obey the "not a step" markings on the top steps and the shelf.



Rules, part 2

- Check your ladder for damage to the rungs, steps, hinges and braces.
- Open stepladders fully. Lock the spreaders on stepladders in place.
- Extension ladders should have "safety feet" that stabilize the ladder and keep it from slipping.



Rules, part 3

- Set your ladder on a solid surface and keep it level.
- When using a straight ladder, the base should be one foot away from the vertical surface for every four feet of height.
- If you're climbing onto your roof or a platform, the ladder should extend above the edge at least three feet.



Rules, part 4

- Never lean a ladder against an unstable surface, such as a tree limb.
- Face the ladder when climbing. Carry tools in a tool belt or a bucket that you can raise and lower with a rope from the ladder.
- Hold on with one hand while working on a ladder.
- Don't reach too far to the sides or behind you.



The End



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