Ladder Safety Statistics

In the United States in 2025, ladder-related injuries remained a significant workplace safety concern, particularly in industries such as construction, maintenance, and repair, where elevated work is common. Falls from ladders remain one of the top causes of workplace injuries and fatalities, with portable ladders consistently ranking among the most cited OSHA violations and being a central focus of ladder safety campaigns such as National Ladder Safety Month.

In 2024, federal data and industry safety reports indicate that over **22,000** ladder-related workplace injuries were reported across the United States, costing approximately **$24 billion annually** in combined medical expenses, lost productivity, workers' compensation payments, legal and liability costs.

Here are some Workplace Ladder Injury Statistics:

- Falls from ladders account for **about 20% of all fall-related injuries** treated in emergency departments.
- In occupational settings, **about 20% of work-related fall injuries involve ladders**.
- Some estimates indicate **over 164,000 ladder-related emergency room injuries annually in the U.S.**
- Roughly **300 ladder-related deaths occur annually in the United States,** according to recent ladder safety reports.
- One report *specifically* notes that **ladder-related injuries have increased by about 50% over the last decade**.

Below are the 4 main types of ladder accidents:

1. Selecting the wrong type of ladder
2. Using worn or damaged ladders
3. Incorrect use of ladders
4. Incorrect placement of ladders

For all ladder safety requirements, refer to www.osha.gov and 29 CFR 1926.1053.
Click here for our downloadable and customizable complete ladder safety program to help you stay OSHA compliant and keep employees fully trained on ladder safety. The Safety Library also provides all inspection forms and checklists needed for ladder safety. We also offer PowerPoints, safety videos, and safety sessions, that can be used for any safety training or safety meetings.

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