



Do you have – and use – the correct tool to accomplish your work?

Many injuries occur as a result of using an incorrect tool...such as selecting a rolling chair instead of a step stool. Perhaps you need to hang a banner...or reach something on a shelf...and don't take the time to get the step stool stashed in the supply closet.



Take inventory...do you have step stools or ladders where they are needed.

Are they the correct type?



If you need to purchase a step stool, here are some recommendations:

Chose those with an extended top handle –to provide stability if you feel unsteady.

Look for a top shelf upon which to place items you retrieve from an upper shelf.

Look for non-slip steps.

Make sure there is a “locking” mechanism that secures the step stool.

What about ladders? Do you still use “grandpa’s” wooden ladder? These “oldies but goodies” can be unstable and cause splinters.



Replace wooden ladders with fiberglass ladders rated to at least 300 lbs.

To discourage “dumpster diving”, make sure old or damaged ladders are rendered unusable before placing them in a dumpster.

Always ensure the spreaders are locked in place before ascending a ladder. Don't overreach...following the “belt buckle” rule, keeping your belt buckle between the rails.



**Inspect ladders and step stools regularly to ensure they are in good condition!
*Your safety is worth it!***