

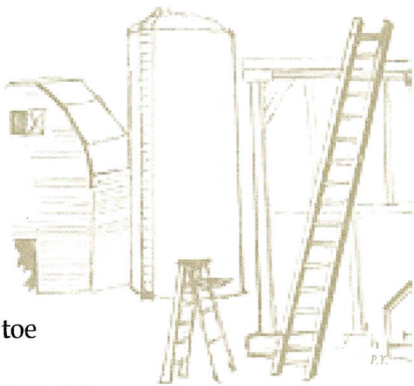
# Ladders

A ladder won't let you down when you do the following:

- Select the right ladder for the job.
- Inspect the ladder before you use it.
- Set up the ladder correctly.
- Climb and descend carefully.

## Smart practices

- The steps of your ladders are uniformly spaced, no more than 12 inches apart.
- The attachments and working parts of your ladders are tight and not excessively worn.
- Portable ladders have non-slip safety feet.
- Employees inspect ladders regularly.
- Employees remove damaged ladders from service and tag them, "**Dangerous, Do Not Use.**"
- Portable metal ladders have legible signs that read "**CAUTION! Do not use around electrical equipment.**"
- Employees do not use ladders that have broken or missing steps, rungs, cleats, or side rails.
- When employees use portable ladders to reach roofs, they extend the ladders at least three feet above the eave, gutter, or roofline.
- Employees are trained how to use orchard ladders safely.
- Your orchard ladders have a maximum height of 16 feet.
- There is at least seven inches of space behind the rungs of your fixed ladders for toe clearance.
- Fixed ladders that are 24 to 50 feet high have cages, wells, or climbing safety systems.
- Fixed ladders more than 50 feet high have landing platforms and cages, wells, or climbing safety systems.



## What OR-OSHA rules apply?

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