

Wily Coyote always seems to fall into a deep canyon and not be injured at all. People can't. Then why do we seem to have trouble getting workers to pay attention to the fall hazards around them?

**Guide for Discussion**

The following items represent the bulk of the exposure to falls on a construction site.

*Ladders:*

- Always use the right ladder.
- Set them on level ground and tie them off at the top (for security).
- Do not over reach.
- Do not over extend yourself on the ladder.
- Always face the ladder and try to use both hands when climbing.

*Floor Openings:*

- Floor openings should be properly covered.
- Covers must be able to support walls the same as the floor.
- Covers should be firmly attached to the floor/walking/working surface.
- Covers should be marked as such. For example: "Cover," or "Do Not Remove Floor

*Opening Cover."*

- Consider wall openings and uncompleted stairways as openings with suitable protection provided.

*Stairways:*

- Use handrails.
- Watch where you step.
- Keep your view clear.
- Concentrate on the stairs.
- Do not run up or down the stairs.
- Keep stair well clean.

*Housekeeping:*

- Always try to provide good footing.
- Keep tools, trash, scrap materials out of walkways.
- Clean as you go.
- Always be wary of oil, ice or snow.

**Additional Discussion Notes:**

- Balance. Wear appropriate footwear (including auxiliary footwear like corks) when necessary.

**Remember:** Paying attention to things around you like ladders, floor openings, stairways and good housekeeping will help prevent a fall.

**Attendees:**

NOTE: Always promote a discussion on any of the topics covered in the Tool Box Talks. Should any question arise that you cannot answer, don't hesitate to contact your Employer.