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## THE TOP RUNG OF SAFETY PREPARED WITH LADDER SAFETY

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It's Workplace Safety Month and we're putting all eyes on environments that see the most risk for workplace injury. To start, we're eyeing ladders. They're always up to something. Let's keep you PREPARED with <u>ladder safety</u> - one step at a time!

#### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

Prior to using your ladder, (E) Evaluate Your Equipment and (R) Review Your Hazards.

- Do you see grease or spills on your ladder? Clean them up prior to starting your work tasks.
  - Is the ladder functional and safe to use? Use a ladder that is not damaged and is stable to support you during your work task.

### THE RIGHT LADDER

Choose the right ladder for the job:

- Consider the height of the job task and the height of the ladder. The right ladder height allows you to (R) Remain in the Green Zone for your entire task, protecting your back and shoulders by keeping your work close to your body and below head height.
- Additionally, the right height ladder will prevent you from standing too high up on the ladder. **DO NOT stand on the** top step or ladder cap, because there isn't enough structure to support and stabilize you.

#### STEP UP YOUR FITNESS

delayed onset muscle soreness (DOMS). Along with your (P) Pre-Shift Warm Up stretches, take a few micro range of motion (ROM) breaks throughout the day to help reduce fatigue and DOMS! Try a few of these micro-stretches while on a ladder to break up the job tasks briefly

without disrupting your production.











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workplace hazards. Our focus is

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discomfort. We are changing the industry one company at a time

by helping one person at a time.

**Wrist Circles** 



**Thumb Touch** 

Ladder work is fatiguing and can cause

LADDER **MICROSTRETCHES**