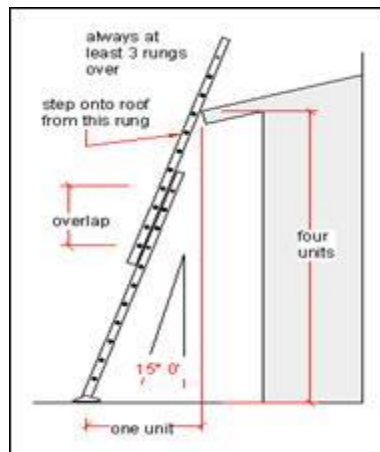




Unsecured Ladder Incidents

- The feet of a ladder should be level and positioned solidly on the ground. If the ground is soft or uneven, boards should be used under the legs for support.
- The top of the ladder should be placed with the two rails supported, unless equipped with a single support attachment.
- Extension ladders should be secured at the point of support to prevent movement.
- While a person is initially climbing the ladder to tie it off, another person should hold the ladder at the base until it is secured at the point of support.
- If the ladder cannot be tied off, outriggers or another person should be used to stabilize the ladder the entire time it is in use.
- Ensure portable extension ladders extend at least three feet (3') past the point of support when used to access a working surface.
- Ensure the ladder is positioned at a safe angle using a 4:1 horizontal ratio as depicted in the illustration below:



Remember: "No task is so important that it be done at the risk of safety."

