**Tool Type** Ladder

**Experience** Beginner

**Injury Severity** Needed Medical Attention

**Description**

My son was playing around a ladder when it fell on top of him it busted his head open and broke his shoulder. we took him to the hospital and the next day he went into a coma.

**Advice**

dont leave ladders standing up fold them and put them away

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**Tool Type** Ladder

**Experience** Advanced

**Injury Severity** Needed Medical Attention

**Description**

6' stepladder started to slip off the edge of a porch; I leaped back - got tangled in the ladder from only 4' up, landed on my left arm. Lots of compound and multiple breaks and dislocated wrist as well. Wore an "external fixator" protruding from my arm for a while.

**Advice**

Watch EVERYTHING - not just the jobs that seem overtly dangerous.

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**Tool Type** Ladder

**Experience** Advanced

**Injury Severity** Needed Medical Attention

**Description**

I was about 5 feet high on the ladder to check up on the roof when the guttering partly collapsed, the ladder turned on one leg and i lost the balance.
I did try to stop my fall by trying to stop the fall with my left arm dislocated it and when i fell on the deck it popped in again.
This was real bad, i ended up with a top and bottom rotariecuff injury.
I needed a operation and extensive rehab for 7 months and will have a 20% disability in my shoulder.

**Advice**

Do not place your ladder against guttering.

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**Tool Type** Ladder

**Experience** Advanced

**Injury Severity** Hurt but OK

**Description**

This has happened a few times in my long career, but one time it was pretty dangerous. Sometimes I think I'm on the bottom step when heading down a ladder, when in reality I'm two steps up, and I step out as if I'm on solid ground instead of really being in mid air. This causes a fall of some kind every time. One particular time I slipped off a small landing, fell down a short flight of stairs, pulling the step-ladder down on top of me. No broken bones but several bruises and scrapes.

**Advice**

This is such a bad habit of mine whenever I work on a ladder, I try to consciously watch my feet when descending. It's the only solution that seems to work.

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