

Assessing the hazards

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Analyzing every job for hazards can reduce accidents. Do not stop by looking only at obvious hazards, look for potential hazards in new tasks and routine tasks. Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) is one of the common terms used for this process.

Examples of items to consider:

- Are any hazardous materials involved, and do you know the proper precautions and PPE requirements for working with the materials?
- Is machinery and moving parts adequately guarded?
- Are floors clean, dry and the walkways kept clean to prevent falls?

Once the hazards have been identified then determine how to reduce or eliminate them.

- Can safer material be used?
 - If not, would PPE reduce the risk for any identified hazards?
 - Are ventilation and fresh air needed?
- Do we have the right tools and machinery?
- Is the working surface safe, is there slip or trip hazards that need to be removed?
- What about ergonomic risk factors? Often, simple changes like putting materials at waist height and using carts or conveyers can make significant reductions in heavy lifting, excessive reaching and twisting, or awkward positions.

Once the facts are clear, it's time to make changes.

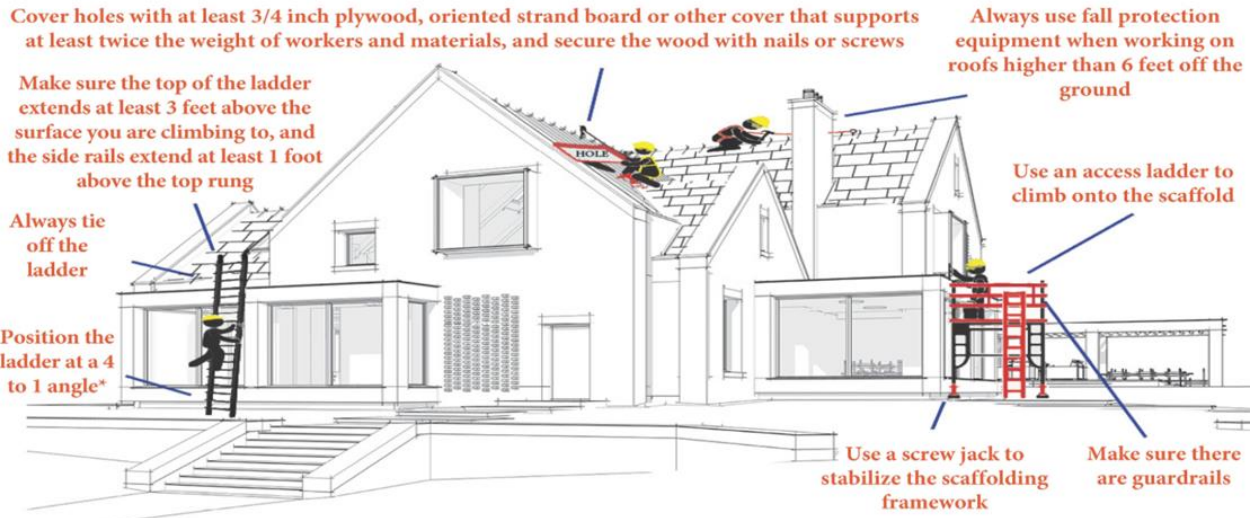
- Some changes, like simple repairs or maintenance, may be obvious and should be done right away.
- Sometimes it may require additional planning and research.
- Some risks may simply be part of the job and can't be eliminated. In these situations, make sure you understand the task, and go to your supervisor with any questions to make sure that you are exposed to the least possible risk.

1. Good job hazard analysis can be a giant step toward safety.
2. Remember to take the time to work safely, don't take unsafe shortcuts.
3. Taking the time to study risks and finding ways to reduce them will benefit everyone.

When assessing hazards, prioritize fall hazards.

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