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2. Use care while on a ladder. The steps are so narrow that the slightest foot shift can cause you to slip and fall.

3. When the situation allows, it is also recommended for an employee to utilize a harness and tie off to an overhead anchor point such as a beam or joist.

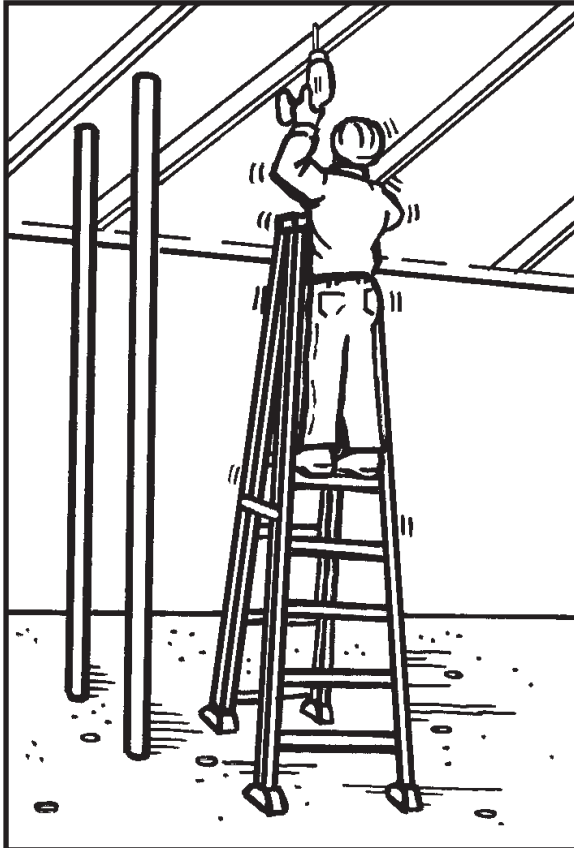
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