

National Safety Council Attacks New Wave of Falls For Basement Walls

2nd Only To Traffic Fatalities

Fall account for more accidental deaths than any other cause except traffic accidents.

For that reason the National Safety Council has announced a year-long campaign with the single objective of preventing death and injury from accidental falls.

The campaign seeks to prevent falls in industry, in the home, on the farm, in the schools and in public places.

THE COUNCIL cited the following evidence of the importance of falls:

1. Falls killed 20,000 persons in 1956—a rate of 55 persons each day.
2. Falls cause half the accidental deaths in the home—13,100 in 1956.
3. One out of four accidental

injuries to farm people result from falls.

4. Falls take a heavy toll of workers, ranking just after handling objects as the greatest source of disabling work injuries.

5. FALLS are costly because they frequently result in death or serious injury. In industry, compensation payments for falls are substantially above those for other accidents.

6. Falls account for more than half the injuries to office workers. In addition to their numerical importance, the Council said falls were selected for special emphasis because they, more than most accidents, can be prevented by voluntary individual action.







FALLS usually result, according to the Council, from unsafe acts

If you are looking for something completely different for wall paneling in your basement family room, here's a tip. Ask your retail lumber dealer to show you some white pocket fir lumber.

A century or more ago, a tiny fungus called Pomes Pini formed tiny white pockets in the wood of the growing tree. It died when the tree was cut, but left its mark, a natural antiquing of the wood.

To get to the bottom of things, don't fall down stairs. Walk slowly and use the handrail.

such as hurrying unnecessarily, using makeshift ladders, running up and down stairs, failing to wipe up spilled liquids or overlooking small objects on the floor. In most cases the individual can prevent accidental falls simply by using a little caution.

		
STAIRS and steps cause most falls, often due to inadequate hand rails and lighting, poor repair, clutter, hurrying, awkward or heavy loads.	BEDS and chairs are hazardous, especially to the elderly. Good light with convenient switch, carpeted or nonslip floors aid safety.	RUGS and floors trip many. Avoid too much wax and throw rugs. Tack down curled carpeting. Wipe up spills, pick up objects on floor.
		
LADDERS and raised work places bring mishaps. Keep ladders in repair, place and use properly. Avoid reaching, makeshift substitutes.	WINDOWS are fall traps. Fasten screens securely. For children, provide sturdy guard. Never sit on sill to wash glass. Avoid leaning out.	BATHTUBS and showers are slippery—and hard. Use nonslip rubber mat on tub bottom. Provide vertical grab bar on end wall.



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