Six Facts on Fall Fatalities



Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state, mega-millions jackpot) Lifetime odds of dying in a fall from a ladder or scaffolding: 1 in 9,616 (National Safety Council Odds of Dying)

- 1. The United States experienced more ladder-related fatalities, 355 in 2004, than any other nation. That makes it the number one country in the world for ladder deaths.
- 2. Most ladder deaths involve falls of 10 feet or less.
- 3. Canada recorded 39 deaths from falls on or from ladders in 2004, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).
- 4. Fifty percent of occupational fall fatalities in the US occur in the construction industry.
- 5. Falls account for 70 percent of fatalities involving scaffolds.
- 6. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that there are approximately 164,000 ladder-related injuries across the country each year.