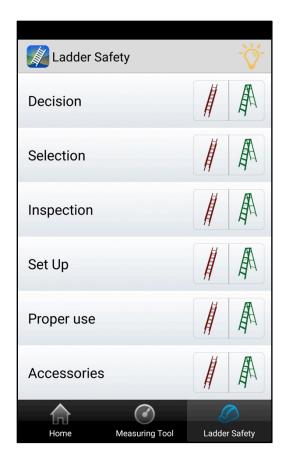
Ladder Safety App User's Manual (Android OS)





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Android App Installation

Instructions for loading the NIOSH Ladder Safety Android App:*

- Go to the <u>Google Play Store</u>, < http://play.google.com>, on your Android phone
- Tap the Search icon (magnifying glass)
- Type 'Ladder Safety' in the search field
- Select the App by tapping the Ladder Safety App icon
- Select INSTALL to download App to tablet or phone
- Once completely downloaded and installed, the App is ready to use
- Launch the Ladder Safety Android App

*Android version 2.2 or higher is required for using the Ladder Safety Android App. To view and use the app in Spanish, select Spanish as the main language on your device.



Home Screen: Ladder Application



This Ladder Safety application covers straight/extension and step ladders. The information in this application is based largely on the ANSI A14 Ladder Safety standards.

The application provides easy access to graphic aids, safety checklists, and reference information to assist ladder users in making safe choices. The application can also be used with the phone as a tool to assist users in properly positioning a ladder at an optimal angle.

Warning! To ensure the accuracy of the angle measurement tool, please periodically check the app/ phone system against a pre-verified vertical surface for a 90-degree reading. Immediately check the app/phone system if the phone has been dropped or exposed to any adverse condition.

To start, read the disclaimer by tapping on the sign, and then select one of the icons at the bottom of the screen.

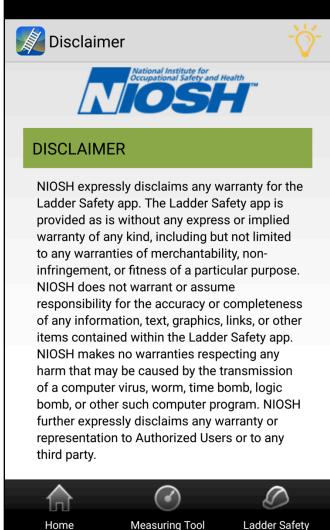




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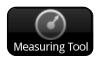
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> Refer to the **Accessibility** Features section for more information.



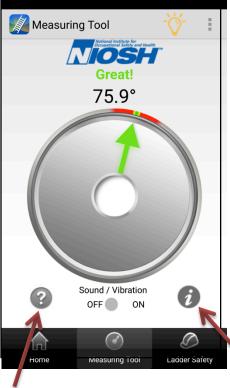


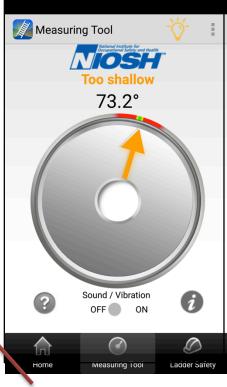


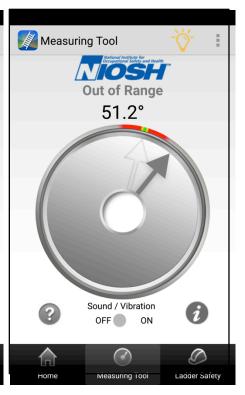


Measuring Tool









The help page will show after tapping this icon.

The home page will show after tapping this icon.

There will be a visual indication on the screen (red arrow) outside the range of ±1 degrees from 75 degrees, indicating the ladder is not yet at the proper angle.

If the user has enabled vibration and sound, there will be an audible, constant tone, a vibration, and a visual indication (green arrow) on the screen in the range of ±1 degrees from 75 degrees indicating a "great" type of notice.



Measuring Tool: Verticality







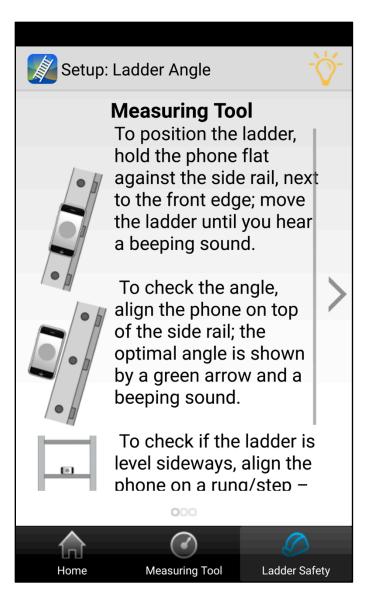
If the user tilts the device 90 degrees (landscape mode), verticality mode is enabled.

There will be a visual indication on the screen (red arrow) outside the range of ±1.5 degrees from 0 degrees, indicating the ladder is not yet at the proper angle.

If the user has enabled vibration and sound, there will be an audible, constant tone, a vibration, and a visual indication (green arrow) on the screen in the range of ±1.5 degrees from 0 degrees indicating a "level" type of notice.



Measuring Tool



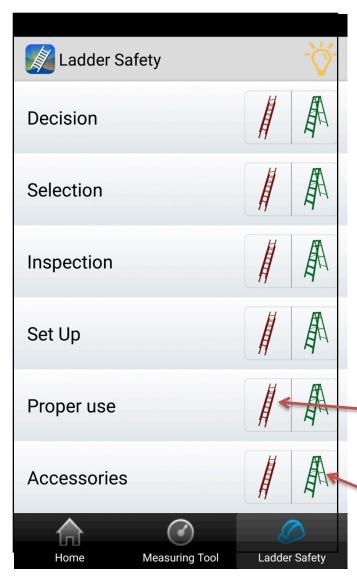
Help

The Measuring Tool **Help** button opens the <u>Setup Ladder Angle – Measuring Tool</u> page.





Ladder Safety



When the user taps the **Ladder Safety** button, a window will appear with options to go to the following screens:

- 1: Decision
- 2: Selection
- 3: Inspection
- 4: Set Up
- 5: Proper Use
- 6: Accessories

With the new unified menu, the user can select either the extension ladder or step ladder screens by touching the respective button.

Touch the extension ladder icon to go to the extension ladder version of the screen.

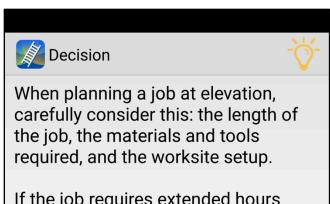
Ex) Touching the extension ladder on the Proper use row will lead to the Proper use for extension ladders.

Touch the step ladder icon to go to the step ladder version of the screen.

Ex) Touching the step ladder on the Accessories row will lead to the Accessories for step ladders



1: Extension Ladder-Decision



If the job requires extended hours working from a ladder, carrying excessive loads while climbing a ladder, and overreaching while on the ladder, one should consider the options of using a scaffold or an aerial lift.

Decision:

A series of suggestions will be presented:

- When planning a job at elevation, carefully consider:
 - The length of the job
 - The materials and tools required
 - The worksite setup
- Consider using a scaffold or an aerial lift if the job requires:
 - Extended hours working from a ladder
 - Carrying excessive loads while climbing a ladder
 - Overreaching while on the ladder

Ready to select a ladder?

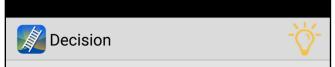
Home Measuring Tool Ladder Safety



The Selection screen appears after tapping this button.



1: Step Ladder-Decision



When planning a job at elevation, carefully consider this: the length of the job, the materials and tools required, and the worksite setup.

If the job requires extended hours working from a ladder, carrying excessive loads while climbing a ladder, and overreaching while on the ladder, one should consider the options of using a scaffold or an aerial lift.

Decision:

*This screen is identical to the Decision screen for the extension ladder, as the decisions are relevant to both extension and step ladders.

A series of suggestions will be presented:

- When planning a job at elevation, carefully consider:
 - The length of the job
 - The materials and tools required
 - The worksite setup
- Consider using a scaffold or an aerial lift if the job requires:
 - Extended hours working from a ladder
 - Carrying excessive loads while climbing a ladder
 - Overreaching while on the ladder

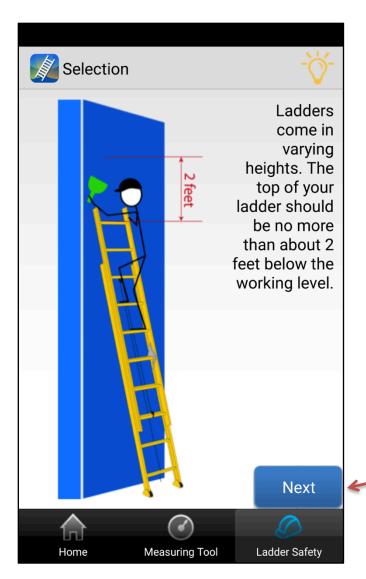
Ready to select a ladder?



The Selection screen appears after tapping this button.



2: Extension Ladder-Selection Home Screen

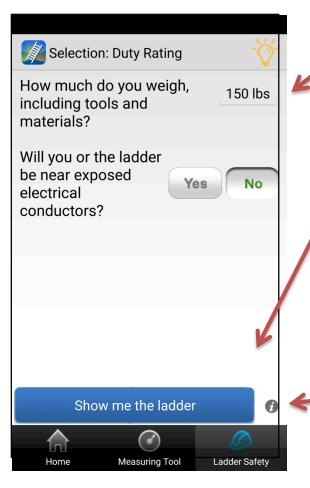


 This home screen helps the user learn that the top of the extension ladder should be no more than 2 feet below the working level.

Pressing the Next button will lead to duty rating screen.



2: Extension Ladder-Selection Duty Rating



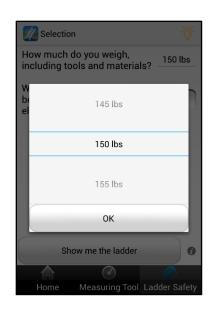
Questions

This button will open up a rolling graphics (like a slot machine) allowing the user to scroll through and select values for the weigh question.

Response

Depending on the data entered, a ladder will be recommended when the user taps the **Show me the ladder** button.

- Light Duty Type III ≤ 200 lbs
- Medium Duty Type II ≤ 225 lbs
- Heavy Duty Industrial Type I ≤ 250 lbs
- Extra Heavy Duty Industrial Type IA ≤ 300 lbs
- Special Duty Rugged Professional Type IAA ≤ 375 lbs



Info

This button will open up a rolling window that shows the sample rating stickers.



2: Extension Ladder-Selection

Show Me The Ladder





After tapping the **Show me the ladder** button, a written description of the ladder appears.

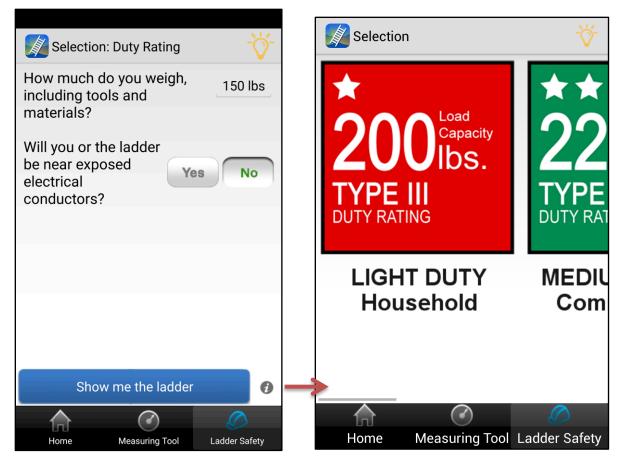
If an electrical hazard is present, the user will be advised to use a ladder made of non-conductive material.

The user may select new values and recalculate by tapping "Show me the ladder" again.



2: Extension Ladder-Selection

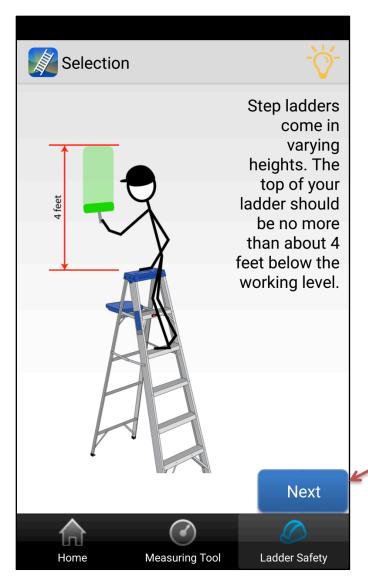
Sample Rating Stickers



The **Info** button opens a rolling window that shows sample rating stickers.



2: Step Ladder-Selection Home Screen

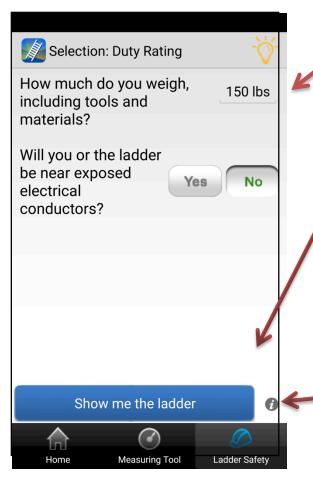


 This home screen helps the user learn that the top of the step ladder should be no more than 4 feet below the working level.

Pressing the Next button will lead to duty rating screen.



2: Step Ladder-Selection Duty Rating



Questions

This button will open up a rolling graphics (like a slot machine) allowing the user to scroll through and select values for the weigh question.

Response

Depending on the data entered, a ladder will be recommended when the user taps the **Show me the ladder** button.

- Light Duty Type III ≤ 200 lbs
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- Extra Heavy Duty Industrial Type IA ≤ 300 lbs
- Special Duty Rugged Professional Type IAA ≤ 375 lbs

Selection How much do you weigh, including tools and materials? 150 lbs 145 lbs OK Show me the ladder Measuring Tool Ladder Safety

Info

This button will open up a rolling window that shows the sample rating stickers.

*This screen is identical to the Selection Duty Rating for extension ladders, as extension ladders and step ladders share the same duty ratings.



2: Step Ladder-Selection

Show Me The Ladder





After tapping the **Show me the ladder** button, a written description of the ladder appears.

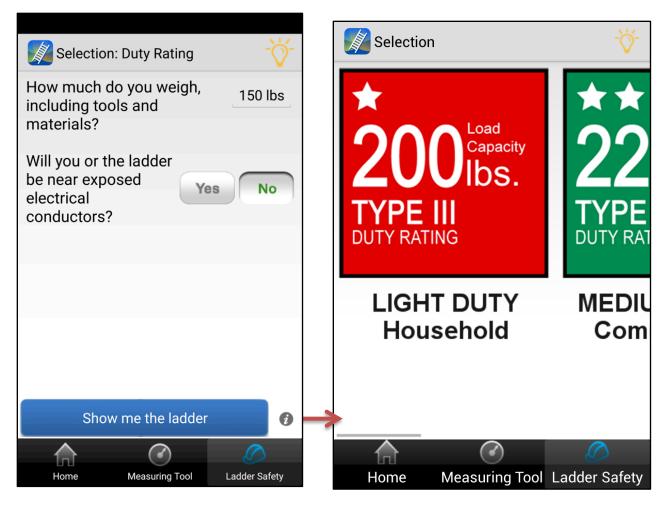
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The user may select new values and recalculate by tapping "Show me the ladder" again.



2: Step Ladder-Selection

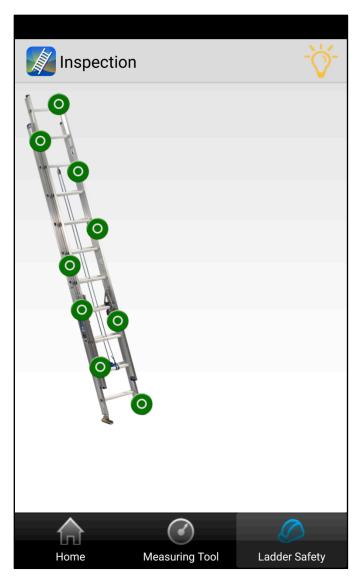
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3: Extension Ladder-Inspection



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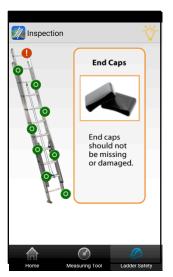
As the user presses each button, an enlarged image and a brief description of the types of damage to look for appears.

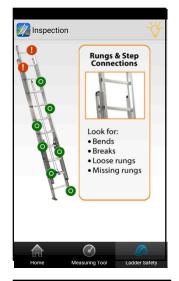
- End caps: missing or damaged
- Rungs and step connections: bends, breaks, loose rungs, or missing rungs
- Rope and Pulley: frayed or tangled
- Labels: missing or not readable
- Hardware: loose
- Rung Locks: broken and operates smoothly
- Surfaces: oily, greasy, rusty, or corroded
- Rails: cracks, bends, splits, or corroded
- Feet: missing, worn, or damaged shoes, missing slip-resistant pads, and operates smoothly

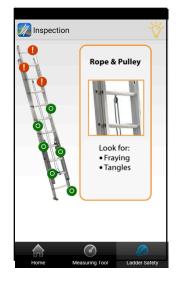
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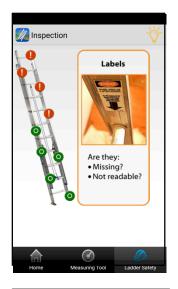


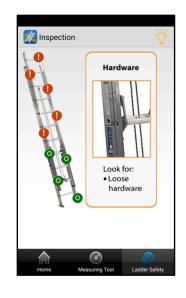
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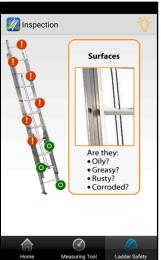


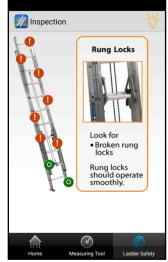


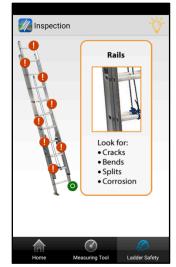


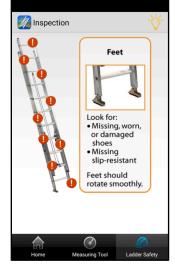














3: Step Ladder-Inspection



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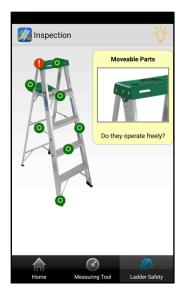
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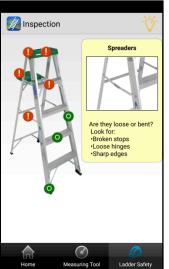
- Surfaces: Are they oily, greasy, slippery, or corroded?
- Moveable Parts: Do they operate freely?
- Steps: Are they cracked, bent, loose, or missing?
- Rails: Are they broken, cracked, bent? Are rail shields split or damaged?
- Spreaders: Are they loose or bent? Also look for broken stops, loose hinges, sharp edges
- Labels: Are they missing? Not readable?
- Pail Shelf: Is it loose, bent, missing, or broken?
- Shoes: Are they damaged or worn?

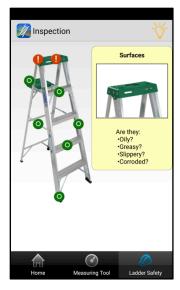
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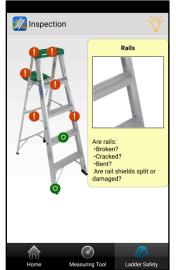


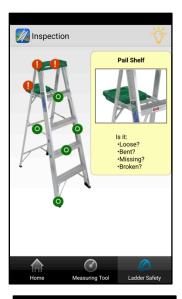
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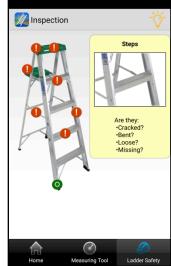


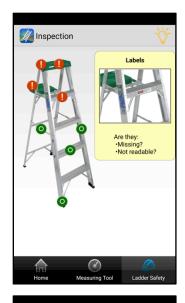








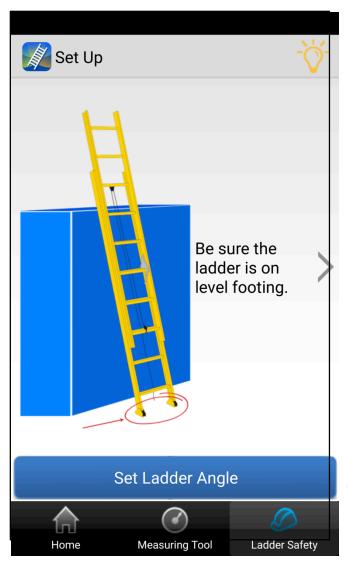








4: Extension Ladder-Set Up

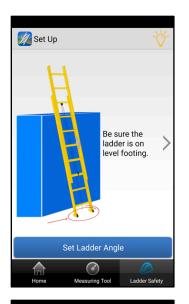


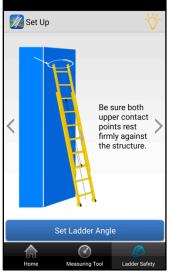
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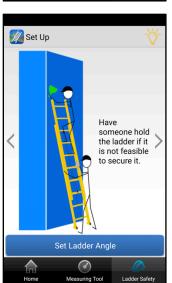
- Be sure the ladder is on level footing
- Be sure both upper contact points rest firmly against the structure
- Be sure the ladder extends 3 feet above the structure if climbing to an upper level
- Visually check that both rung locking mechanism are fully engaged
- On slippery or non-level surfaces the ladder base should be restrained

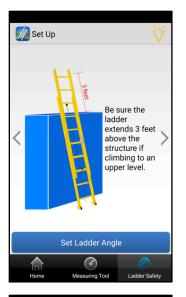
To find out how to setup the ladder properly, tap the **Set Ladder Angle** button.

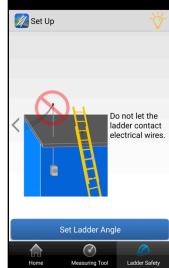


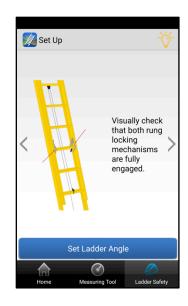


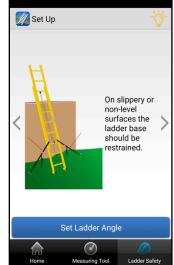




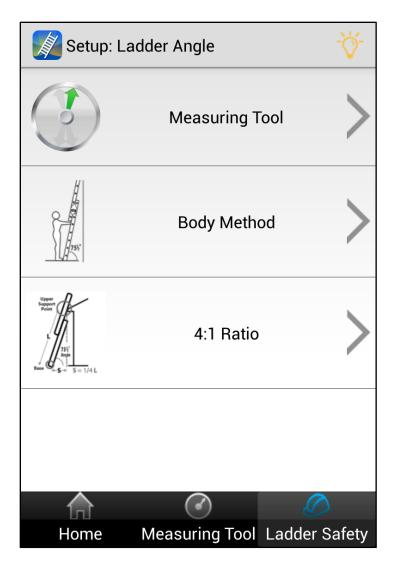








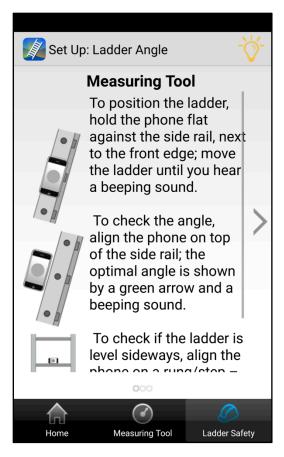




This screen provides three methods for proper ladder setup. To find out more, tap the following buttons:

- Measuring Tool
- Body Method
- 4:1 ratio

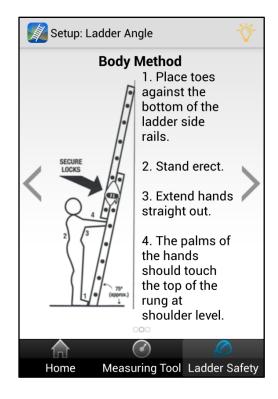




Measuring Tool

After touching the Measuring Tool icon, a large image appears with the instructions displayed on the right.

Instructions: To position the ladder: hold the phone flat against the side rail, next to the front edge; move the ladder until you hear a beeping sound. To check the angle: align the phone on top of the side rail; the optimal angle is shown by a green arrow and a beeping sound. To check *if the ladder is level* sideways, align the phone on a rung/step level is indicated by a green arrow.



Body Method

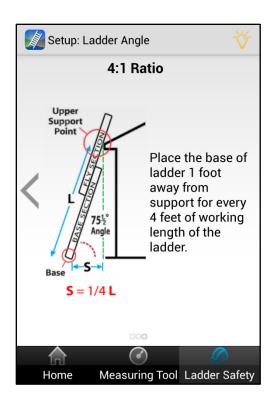
After touching the Body Method icon, a large image appears with the instructions displayed on the right.

Instructions:

- 1. Place toes against the bottom of the ladder side rails.
- 2. Stand erect.
- 3. Extend hands straight out.
- 4. The palms of the hands should touch the top of the rung at shoulder level.

The user can also swipe through each method.





4:1 Ratio

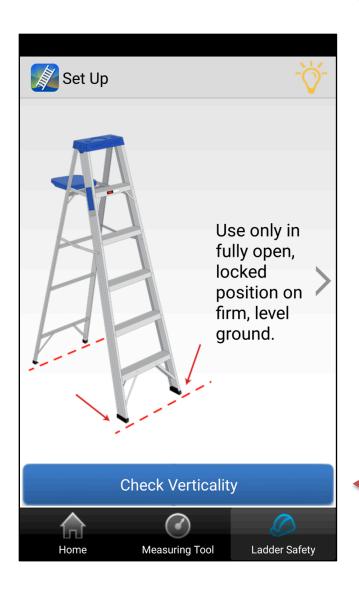
After touching the 4:1 Ratio icon, a large image appears with the instructions displayed on the right.

Instructions: Place base of ladder 1 foot away from support for every 4 feet of working length of the ladder.

The user can swipe through each method.



4: Step Ladder-Set Up



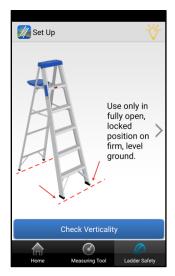
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- Use only in fully open, locked position on firm, level ground.
- Make sure that all four feet rest firmly on the ground.
- Avoid setting the ladder up near electrical wires.
- When possible, position the ladder so you can face both the ladder and the task.
- Never set a ladder on a scaffold or other object only on the ground or floor.

To find out how to check the verticality, tap the **Check Verticality** button.

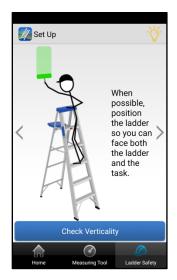


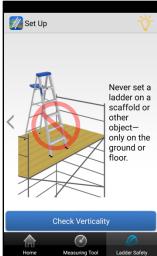
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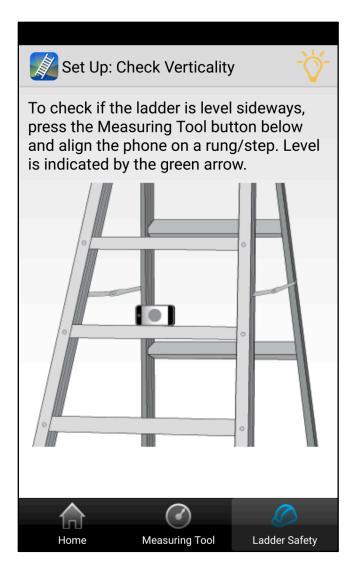








4: Step Ladder-Set Up (cont'd)



This screen shows the proper way to measure the ladder if it is level.



5: Extension Ladder-Proper Use



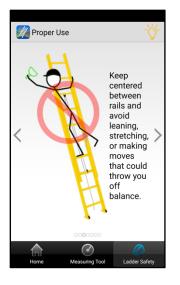
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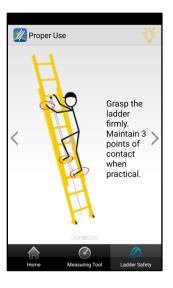
- Face the ladder going up and coming down
- Keep centered between rails and avoid leaning, stretching, or making moves that could throw you off balance
- Grasp the ladder firmly. Maintain 3-point contact when practical
- Do not carry excessive loads it may increase your risk of falling
- One person at a time
- Do not stand on the top 3 rungs
- When accessing elevated surfaces, the ladder should extend approximately 3 ft. above the upper support point and the top of the ladder should be secured from movement



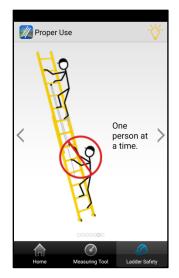
5: Extension Ladder-Proper Use (cont'd)

















5: Step Ladder-Proper Use



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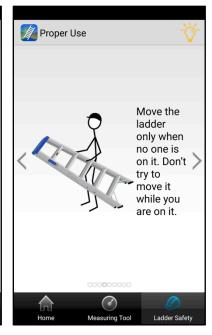
- Keep your body centered between the rails of the ladder. Don't reach so far to the side that your center of gravity is outside the side rails.
- Stand no higher than the second step from the top.
- Move the ladder only when no one is on it. Don't try to move it while you are on it.
- One person at a time on the ladder—unless it is designed with steps on both sides.
- Face the ladder and maintain three points of contact when climbing.
- Do not carry tools or materials up or down the ladder. Use a tool belt or have them handed up to you.
- Do not climb the rear section of the ladder unless it is designed with steps.
- Grip and lean into the ladder to maintain balance.
- NEVER climb a stepladder in the closed position or leaning against something.

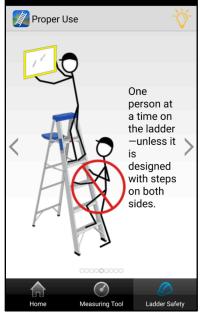


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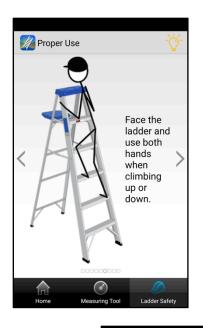








5: Step Ladder-Proper Use (cont'd)





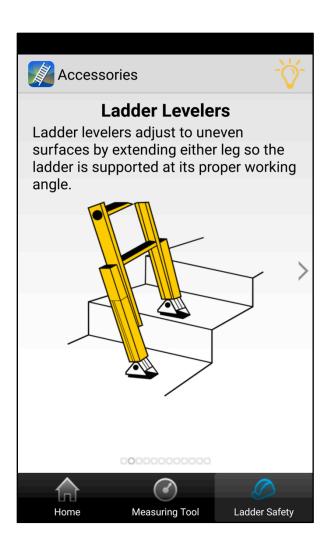








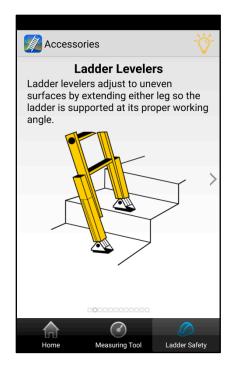
6: Extension Ladder-Accessories



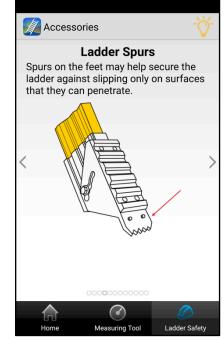
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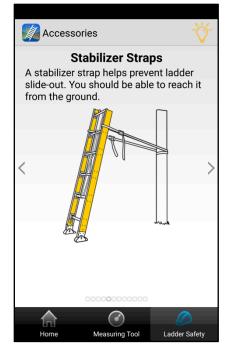
- Ladder levelers
- Ladder feet, spurs, and spur plates
- Stabilizer straps
- Side rail end covers
- Stabilizers and standoffs
- Gutter protectors
- Corner standoffs
- V-rungs
- Pole chain/strap and pole lashes
- Cable (strand) hooks



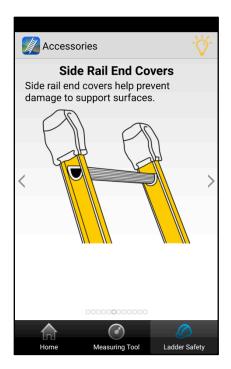


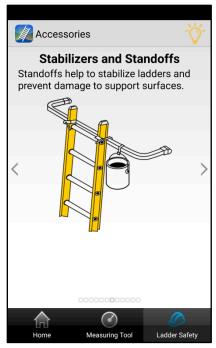


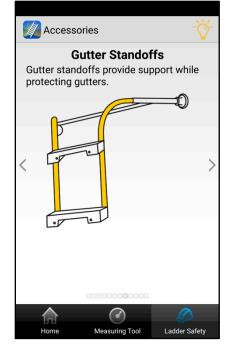


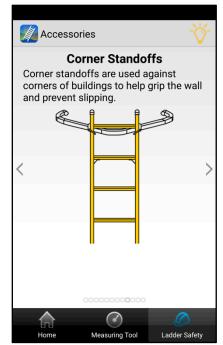




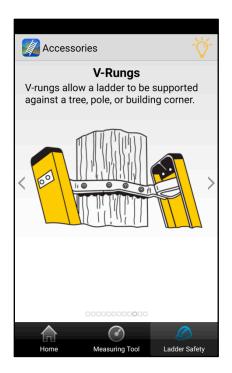


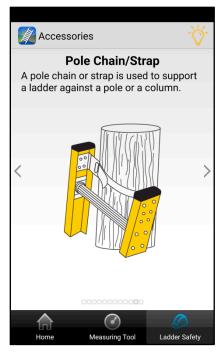


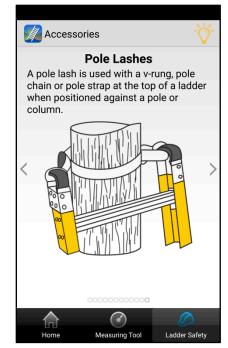


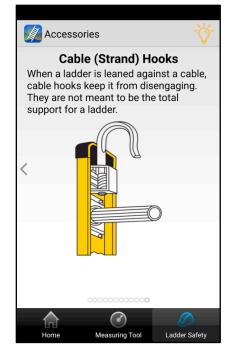






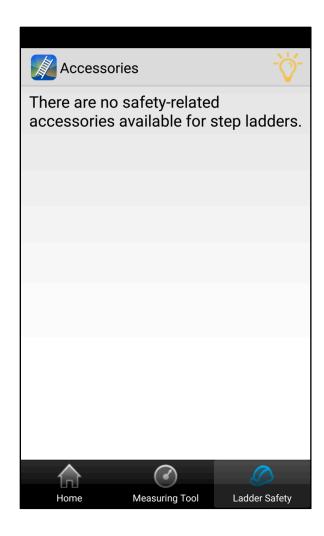








6: Step Ladder-Accessories



Since there are no safety related accessories for step ladders, the user is notified that there are no safety accessories on this tab.



Accessibility Features

The Ladder Safety app features a high-contrast mode and is compatible with TalkBack, Explore by Touch, and similar Accessibility Services.

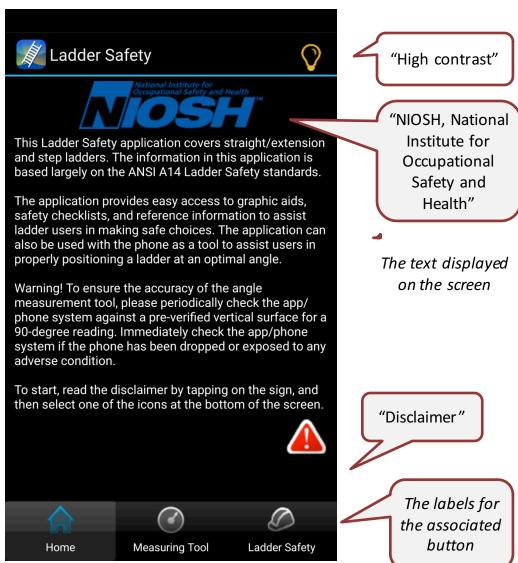
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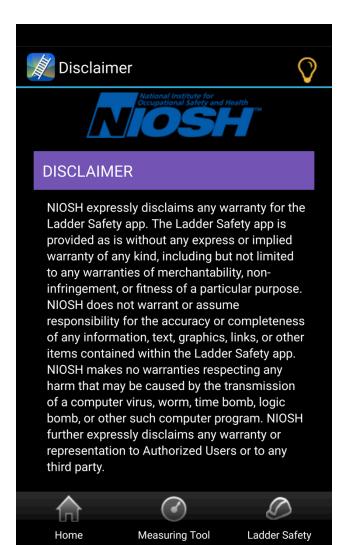
* The speech bubbles, similar to the one below, will denote the TalkBack and Explore by Touch responses.

"This is an example"



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Measuring Tool

All text displayed will read aloud the associated text.

"NIOSH, National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety





Measuring Tool (Cont'd)





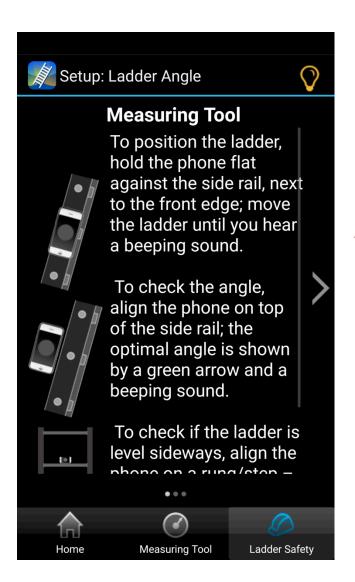






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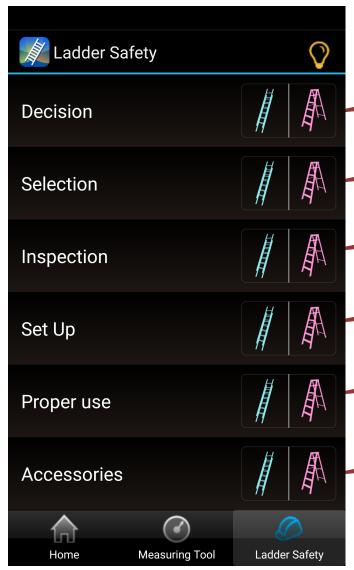


The text display as displayed.





Ladder Safety



[Extension Ladder/Step Ladder] "Decision"

[Extension Ladder/Step Ladder] "Selection"

[Extension Ladder/Step Ladder] "Inspection"

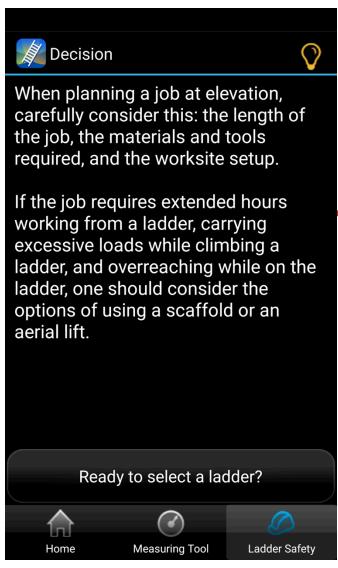
[Extension Ladder/Step Ladder] "Set Up"

[Extension Ladder/Step Ladder] "Proper Use"

[Extension Ladder/Step Ladder] "Accessories"



1: Decision

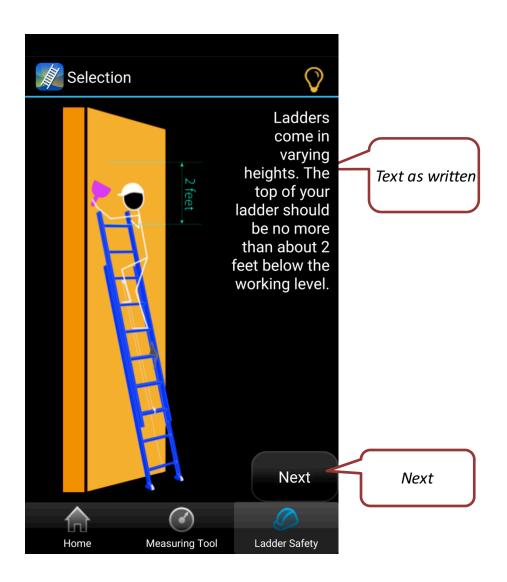


The text as it appears on the screen.

"Ready to select a ladder"

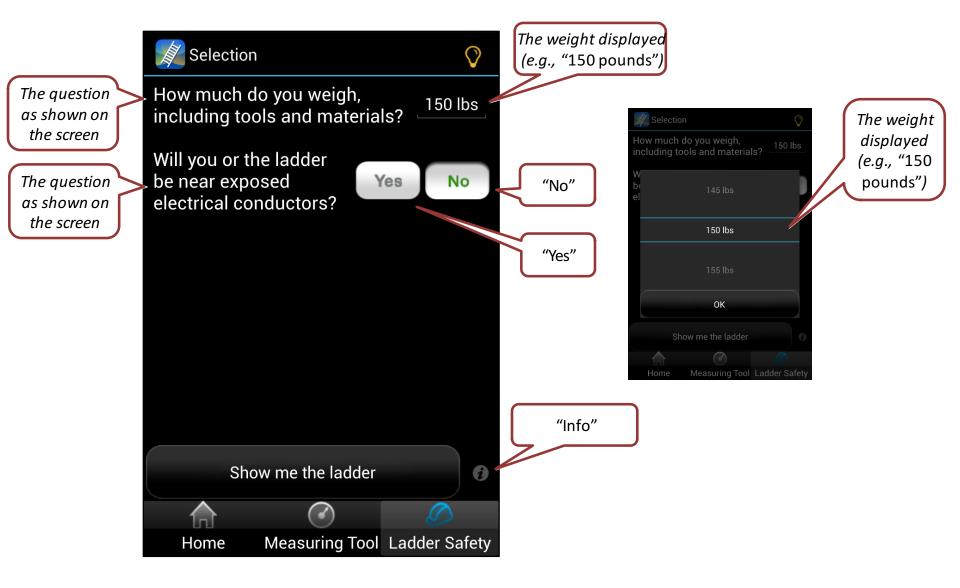


2: Extension Ladder-Selection Home Page





2: Extension Ladder-Selection





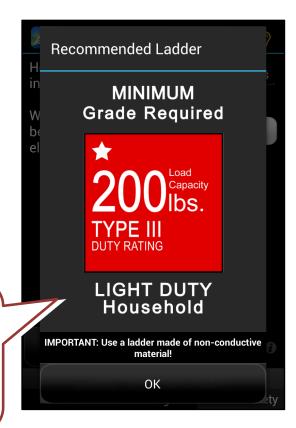
2: Extension Ladder-Selection

Show Me The Ladder



"Recommended ladder, minimum grade required, 200 pounds load capacity, type 3 duty rating, light duty household."

"Recommended ladder,
minimum grade required, 200
pounds load capacity, type 3
duty rating, light duty
household. Important, use a
ladder made of non-conductive
material."



A similar text is read aloud for the Type II, Type IA, and Type IAA stickers



2: Extension Ladder-Selection

Sample Rating Stickers



"200 pounds load capacity, type 3 duty rating, light duty household." Below is the transcript for all rating stickers.

Type 3: "200 pounds load capacity, type 3 duty rating, light duty household."

Type 2: "225 pounds load capacity, type 2 duty rating, medium duty household."

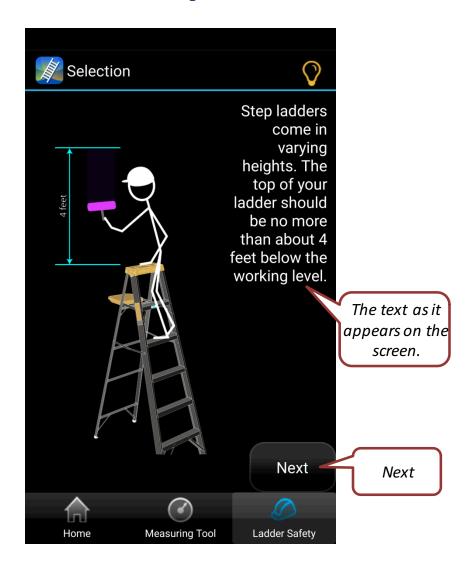
Type 1: "250 pounds load capacity, type 1 duty rating, heavy duty industrial."

Type 1A: "300 pounds load capacity, type 1A duty rating, extra heavy duty industrial."

Type 1AA: "375 pounds load capacity, type 1AA duty rating, special duty industrial."

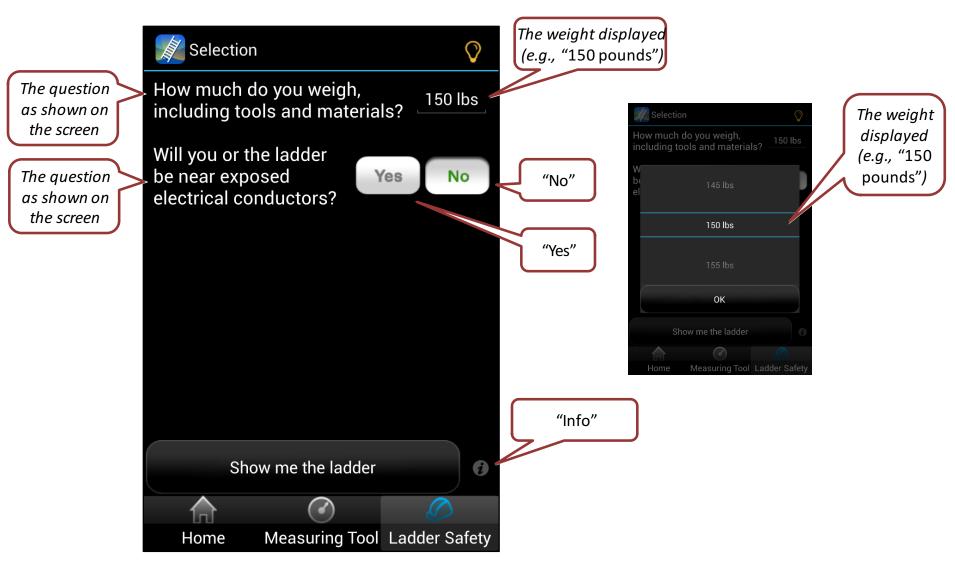


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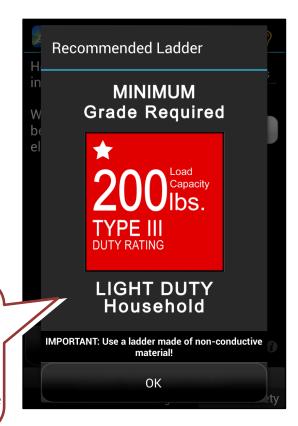
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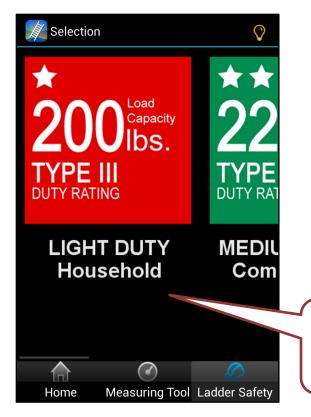


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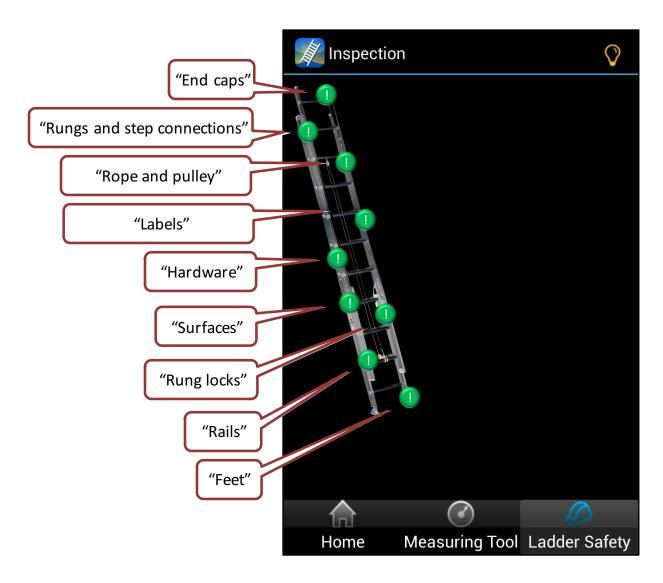
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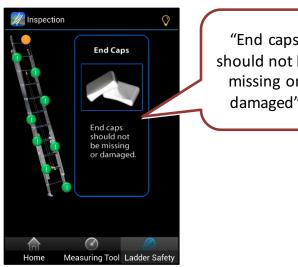


3: Extension Ladder-Inspection

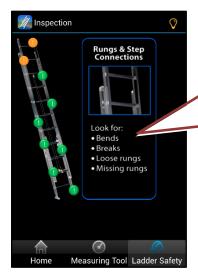




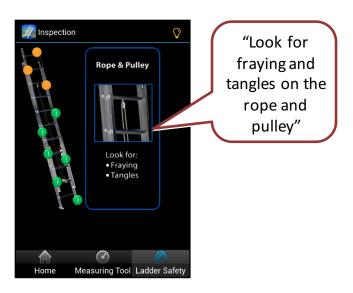
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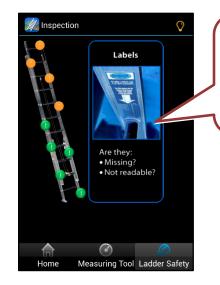


"End caps should not be missing or damaged"



"Look for bends, breaks, loose rungs, and missing rungs on the rungs and step connections

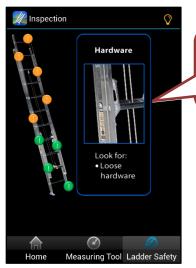




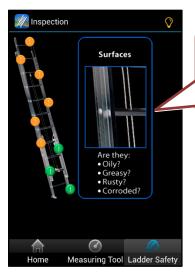
"Are labels missing or not readable?"



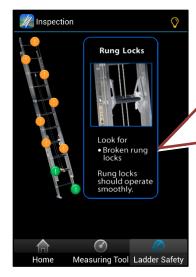
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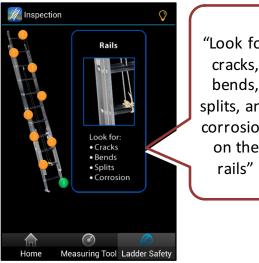
"Look for loose hardware"



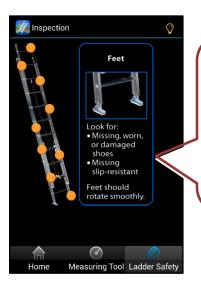
"Are the surfaces oily, greasy, rusty, or corroded?"



"Look for broken rung locks. Rung locks should operate smoothly."



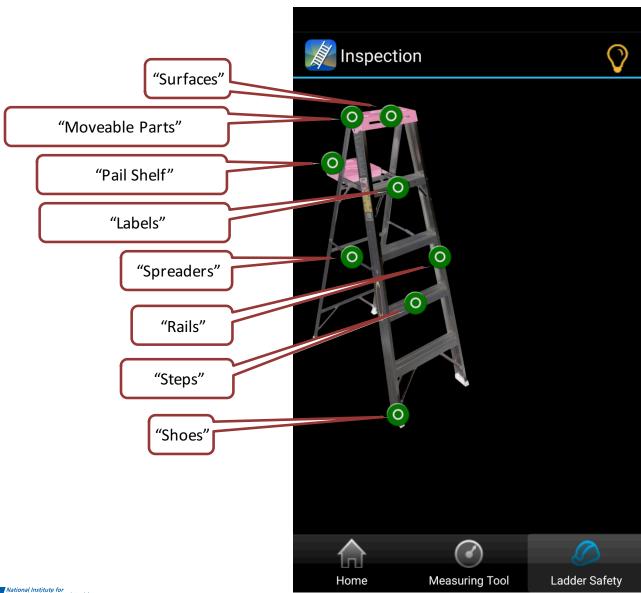
"Look for cracks, bends, splits, and corrosion on the



"Look for missing, worn, or damaged shoes on the feet. Look for missing slip-resistant on the feet. The feet should rotate smoothly"



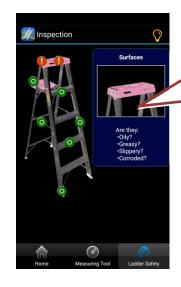
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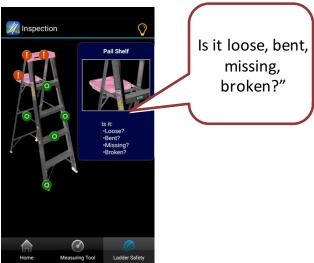


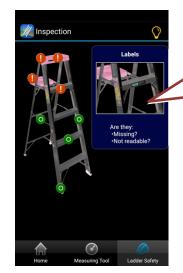
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"Are they Oily, Greasy, Slippery Corroded"

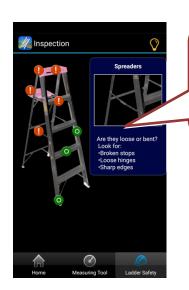




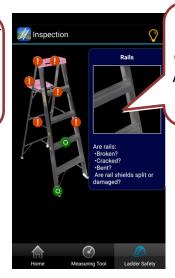
"Are they missing, not readable?"



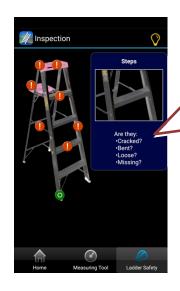
3: Step Ladder-Inspection (cont'd)



"Are they loose or bent. Look for broken steps, loose hinges, sharp edges"



"Are rails broken, cracked, bent. Are rail shields split or damaged?

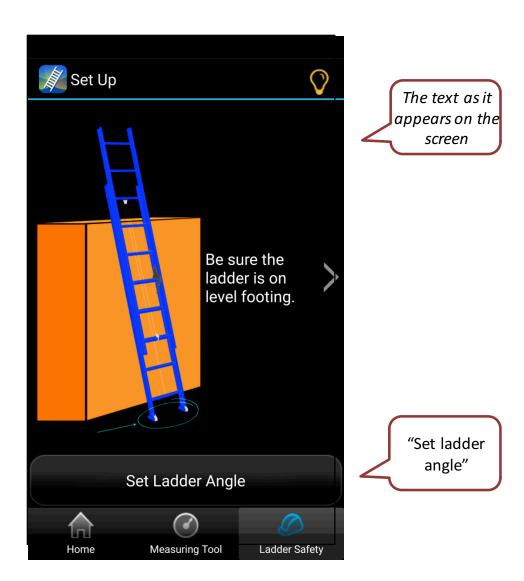


"Are they cracked, bent, loose, missing?"



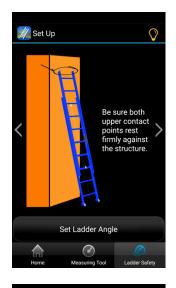


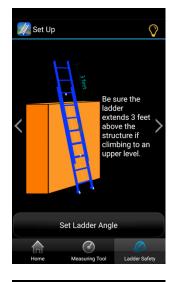
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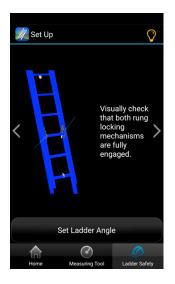










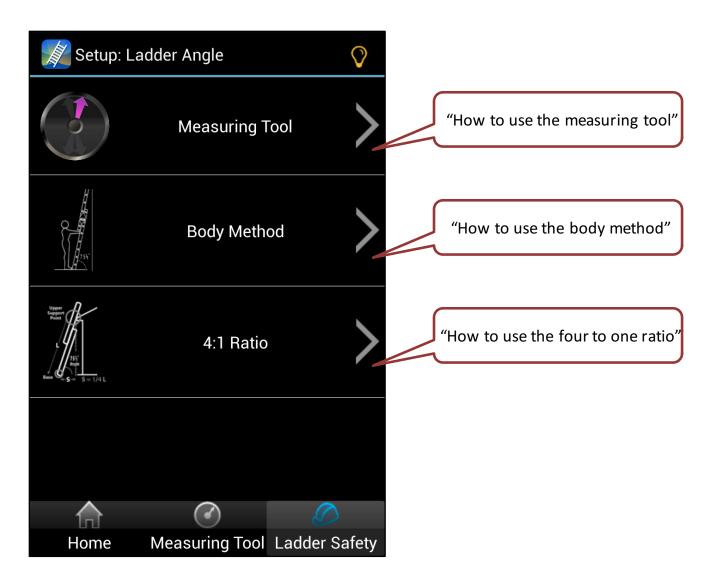




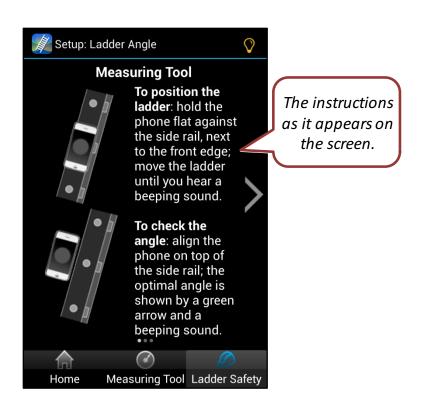


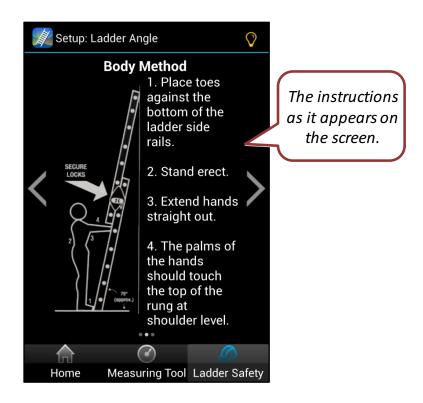




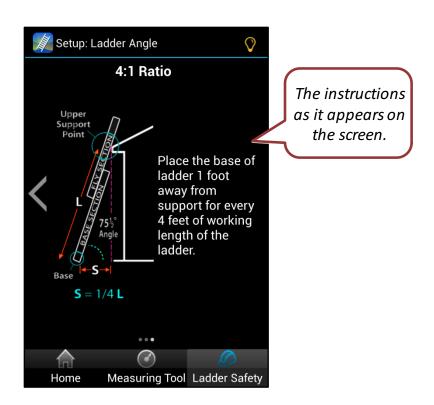






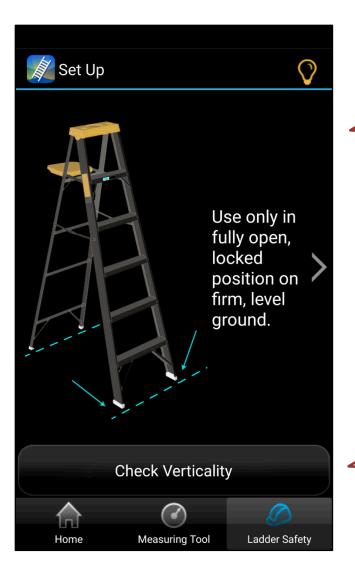








4: Step Ladder-Set Up



The text as shown on the screen

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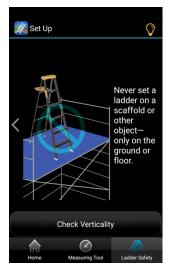
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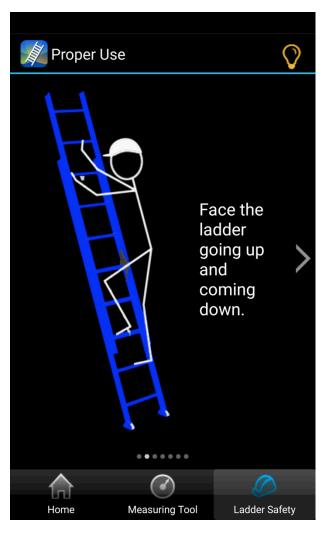
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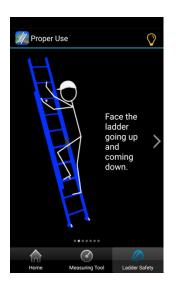
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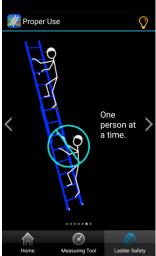
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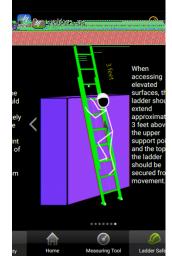














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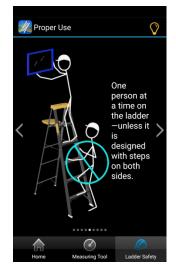


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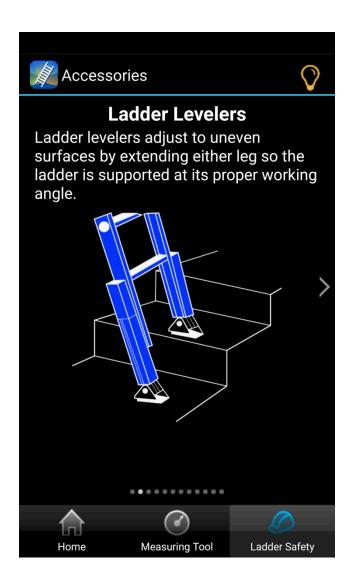








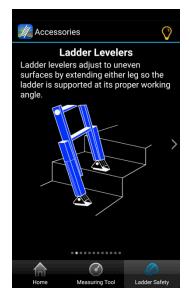
6: Extension Ladder-Accessories



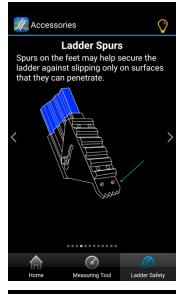
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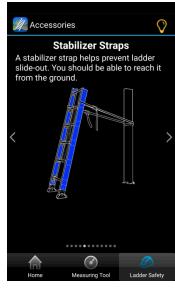
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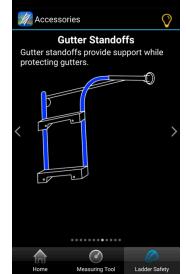


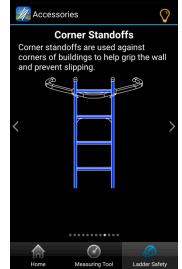




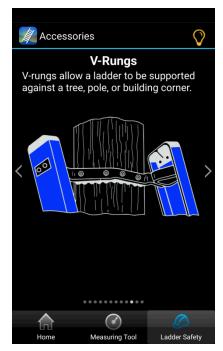


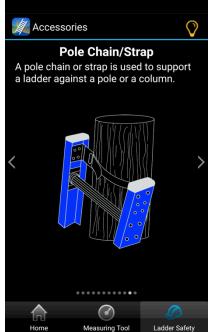


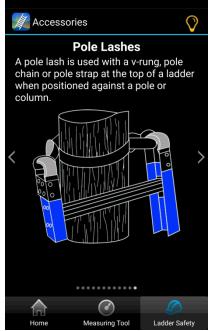


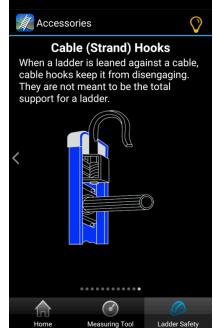






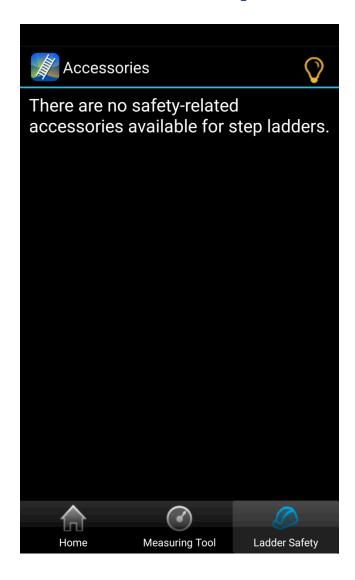








6: Step Ladder-Accessories



"There are no safety- related accessories available for step ladders."



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