



Step Right Up

OK folks ... here's an example of good intentions, but scary-looking results. The fella that set up this ladder *thought* he was being completely safe. After all, he used a 4x4 block of wood to support the ladder and tied it to the stairs. Then he tied the ladder to various places on the pipe and stairs. Nothin' wrong with that, right? Hummm ... I donno, I don't think I'd risk *my* life on this one.

Some may say this was very inventive. I say sure, it is inventive. But then again, inventive and safe don't mean the same thing. There are plenty of "inventive" people now resting six-feet-under because of their attempts to be creative on the job.

Remember, just 'cause you have enough brain cells to cough up some hair-brained scheme like this doesn't mean you have the cells that scream "Don't do it, blockhead!" when you're about to kill yourself.

If you're not sure whether something you make is safe, use the risk management process to evaluate what you're about to do before you carry through with it.