



# City Of Whiting Safety Bulletin

**To:** All Departments

**Date:** June 8, 2005

**Type Of Incident:** First Aid – Level I

**Date Of Incident:** 6/4/2005

**Time Of Incident:** 8:50 am

**Department:** Park

**Description Of Incident:**

An employee was using a self-supporting foldout ladder to scrape a wall. The ladder legs spread open causing the employee to fall and hit his glasses and nose. The result was a small laceration to bridge of his nose. He was treated by local EMT's and released back to work.

**Direct Cause Of Incident:**

Ladder cross braces were not engaged.

**Actions Taken or Needed to Prevent Recurrence:**

Explained to employee proper ladder usage and that the legs of the ladder needed to be fully opened and braces locked before use. This particular ladder did not have permanently locked cross braces.

**Comments:**

Review with employee's proper techniques on walking and working surfaces. Portable ladders should be inspected annually and prior to using. Below is a link to information on proper ladder usage, and a ladder inspection checklist. Please share with your groups.

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/construction/falls/4ladders.html#Loads>

<http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/docs/d000801-d000900/d000877/d000877.html>