



## 140th Wing Safety

# Monthly Safety Memo

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### *Special points of interest:*

- Ladder Safety
- Snakes!
- PPE Survey's

### PPE Survey's

Are you a workcenter supervisor? Have you conducted a hazard assessment?

AFI 91-203 para. 14.3.2 requires supervisors to conduct and document hazard assessments and identify if PPE required.

Oftentimes the results of hazard assessments and required PPE are contained within technical orders and operating instructions. In addition, bio-environmental survey's identify specific PPE requirements. However, these may not cover workcenter unique situations which must be evaluated to determine if hazards exist.

The 140th Wing Safety Staff is here to help! Contact our office you would like to schedule a workcenter hazard survey and to identify if PPE might be required.

*Contact us if you have any questions or comments!*

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## Ladder Safety

This month our focus is on preventing falls from heights. Data collected from 1992-2005 shows that 16% of fatal falls were attributed to falling off ladders. Following these simple rules will protect you and your workers from becoming another statistic.

- Maintain ladders free of oil, grease and other slipping hazards
- Do not load ladders beyond their maximum rated capacity
- Use ladders only on a stable and level surface
- Do not use slip-resistance feet as a substitute for exercising care when placing, lashing or holding a ladder
- Secure ladders or use barricades to protect against accidental movement in areas such as passageways, doorways or driveways
- Do not move, shift or extend ladders while in use
- Face the ladder when moving up or down
- Maintain at least 3 points of contact on the ladder at all times (both feet and one hand)
- Never use the top or top step of a ladder as a step
- Ladders should be positioned with 1-to-4 slop (the feet of a 12 foot ladder should be placed 3 feet from the supporting structure)

Remember, personnel who use ladders at ANY working height must be adequately trained in the care and use of different types of ladders. Hands on training must be included! Contact the 140th Wing Safety office for ladder training material.

## SNAKES!

Buckley AFB is home to these three common snakes. Remember, if you see a snake, back up slowly and immediately call the 460th CES Customer Service at 720-847-9913 to report the snake.



Bull Snake



Rattlesnake



Black Necked Garter Snake