

A Few Home Exterior Painting Safety Tips

When I was a child, the most annoying thing I ever heard an authority figure say was "Safety First". My goodness, did I despise that phrase.

Why?

Because when you are a child the last thing you are ever concerned about are safety precautions. Actually, when I was a child, if it was safe I didn't think it was fun! Well, 15 years and numerous injuries later I do see the fundamental value of this seemingly archaic parental phrase.

I never would have imagined that I would be writing articles on how to do things safer; however, when you are home exterior painting avoiding unnecessary injuries can be very beneficial.

Safety First!

What I have concluded to do here is compose a brief list of safety tips that could potentially save you a very large hospital bill.

So, let's start with the most obvious and work our way down.

Ladder Considerations

When using a ladder to execute your home exterior painting job, there are a few things that you can do to decrease your risk of injury.

- Consider the Surface

Before you haggle your way up the ladder, be sure that it has a very FIRM stance.

What do I mean by firm?

I mean that it should not toggle back and forth at all; I mean that it should be on a flat surface; and I mean that it should be on a solid surface. Grass (for instance) is NOT to be considered a solid surface even though it is a flat surface.

- Consider the Ladder

Now, we all know that everybody wants to save a buck; however, when your options are reduced to possibly breaking a leg or saving a few dollars which one sounds more appealing?

I don't know about you but I would rather keep all of my body parts in tact. So, be sure that your ladder is new or at least in excellent condition. It should be a very firm structure and be able to support 2-3 times your actual body weight. Be sure that there are no broken pieces. If the ladder is made of wood, make certain that there are no cracks in it.

Protect Your Body

After you are certain that your ladder is in excellent working condition, you will want to purchase personal safety equipment.

- Dust Masks

Dust masks will help prevent you from inhaling any harmful chemicals.

- Steel-Toe Boots

I know this sounds a bit extreme but you would be amazed at the number of toe injuries incurred by home exterior painting accidents. So, in order to prevent ALL of your little piggies from going to the hospital, purchase a pair of steel toe boots.

Neat Freak

I think we can all agree that neat freaks are difficult to live with. They are overly observant and often times create the potential for a WW3 break out over a spoon being left unwashed. However, when you are planning for a home exterior painting, it would be wise to take on some of these "Neat Freak" traits.

It is vital that you keep your workspace clean so as to avoid any unnecessary injuries. After all, who wants to go to the hospital in a stretcher because they tripped over a paint bucket?

Follow These Tips and you will be sure to avoid injuries while executing your exterior home painting.

Good luck!

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