

# Lessons Learned

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**Region:** Kennewick Service

**Project:** Prescott School

**Incident Title:** Worker falls off ladder to prevent wasp sting

## Summary

An employee was working on the roof top of a 2-tiered building to install a piece of equipment, using an unsecured exterior portable ladders for roof access. After completing the task, the worker started to descend from the ladder when a wasp flew up into the worker's pant leg. In efforts to remove the wasp, the worker lost his balance and fell 6 feet to the level below, landing on his feet. Worker was sent to an occupational medical clinic where he was diagnosed with a sprained ankle.



## What Went Right?

- Worker reported it immediately.

## What Went Wrong?

- Ladder not properly secured
- Worker did not see the wasp near the ladder

## Lessons Learned

- Ensure the ladder is properly secured.
- If you do not have the proper equipment or tools, ask your supervisor.
- Be aware of your surroundings, have situational awareness.