

# NORTHERN STRANDS

## Ladder Safety Checklist



***Safety is your lifeline.***

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- Government of Saskatchewan

Farming in Saskatchewan has been a vital industry for decades. Over the years, there have been too many injuries that could have been prevented. The Government of Saskatchewan states that,

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Establishing a farm safety plan is an important task for farmers, employees, and families to complete. The purpose of a Farm Safety Plan is to ensure that the workplace is safe and that the farm can function effectively and in turn, generate more profits.

## Bin Safe System



Which would **YOU** rather be?

The Northern Strands' patent pending fall protection system is a cutting edge product designed to protect farm workers from a fall while climbing or accessing a bin for repairs or inspections. The worker dons a harness, clips into the rope grab, and can climb the bin ladder with safety and ease. This one of a kind, cost effective system could mean the difference between continuing farming operations, or having to discontinue work because of an injury or fatal accident.

## Did you know?

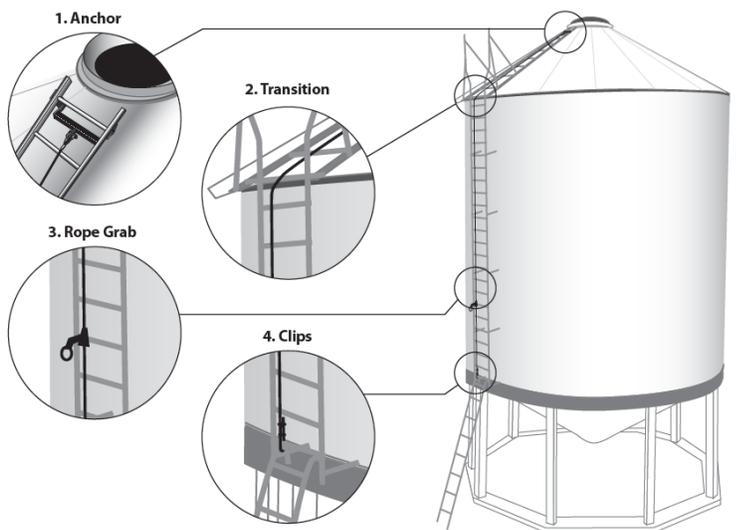
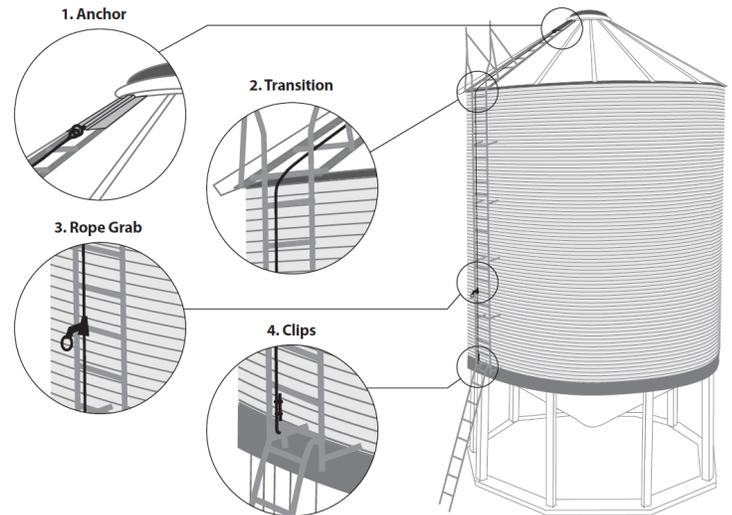
In 2015, there were 1,633 lost time injuries in Saskatchewan from workplace falls.

- WCB Saskatchewan



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- Is the Bin Safe System correctly installed on each bin? Please refer to the Bin Safe installation manual for correct installation practices.
- Do you have the User Kit(s) accessible for all users that will climb the bin?
- Have you inspected the ladder for loose steps, rungs, nails, screws, bolts, and other metal parts?
- Is the ladder in overall good/safe condition? Are there any loose hinges, cracked, split, or broken rungs?
- Are critical areas (top, peak, lid, bottom) free of obstructions ?
- Is someone else aware that you will be climbing/accessing the bin?



### Did you know?

“Injuries from falls accounted for 16% of non-fatal farm injuries in Saskatchewan”

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