Weekly Fire Drill

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**Task**

*(Minimum Standard)*
Remove, carry, position and raise a ground ladder.

*(Highly Skilled Level)*
State all safety related actions and perform during evolution. Halyard tie-off, overhead wire spotting, climbing angle, not placing over openings.

**Skill Tips**

- Find balance point of ladder when carrying so it remains close to horizontal or lead edge pointing to ground
- Place heel into structure, rotate ladder and raise to building
  - Hand over hand on halyard watching tip at all times
  - Place into building and move heel out to proper climbing angle

**Application**

Ground ladders are a fundamental part of fireground operations. Ladders are used for ventilation, rescue, egress, access and other tactical duties.

Firefighters must be able to quickly place ladders to areas of rescue, escape and access in order to achieve the tactical goals of an operation.

**Competency**

Be able to use all types and sizes of ground ladders on your apparatus.

Be able to apply them to various uses according to ladder type and size.