

	UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY INC. Best Operating Guidelines	
	Subject: Ladder Placement	BOG Series Operations
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At all structure fires it will be necessary to ladder all sides of the building. Before any ladder is raised, all over head areas should be checked for electrical wires, trees or any obstacles that may cause a problem. A minimum of three (3) rungs will be placed above the roofs edge. Proper distance will be checked once the ladder is raised. Before climbing the ladder all sections of the fly should be checked to ensure that they are properly secured.

When placing ladders at windows the ladder should be placed below the window ledge at the proper angle for emergency egress. This procedure is for all ladders.

When using roof ladders the hooks should be opened on the ground prior to advancing to the roof. The ladder should be advanced up the roof with the hooks facing up. Once the ladder is on the roof it can be flipped over so that the hooks can be secured over the tip of the roof.