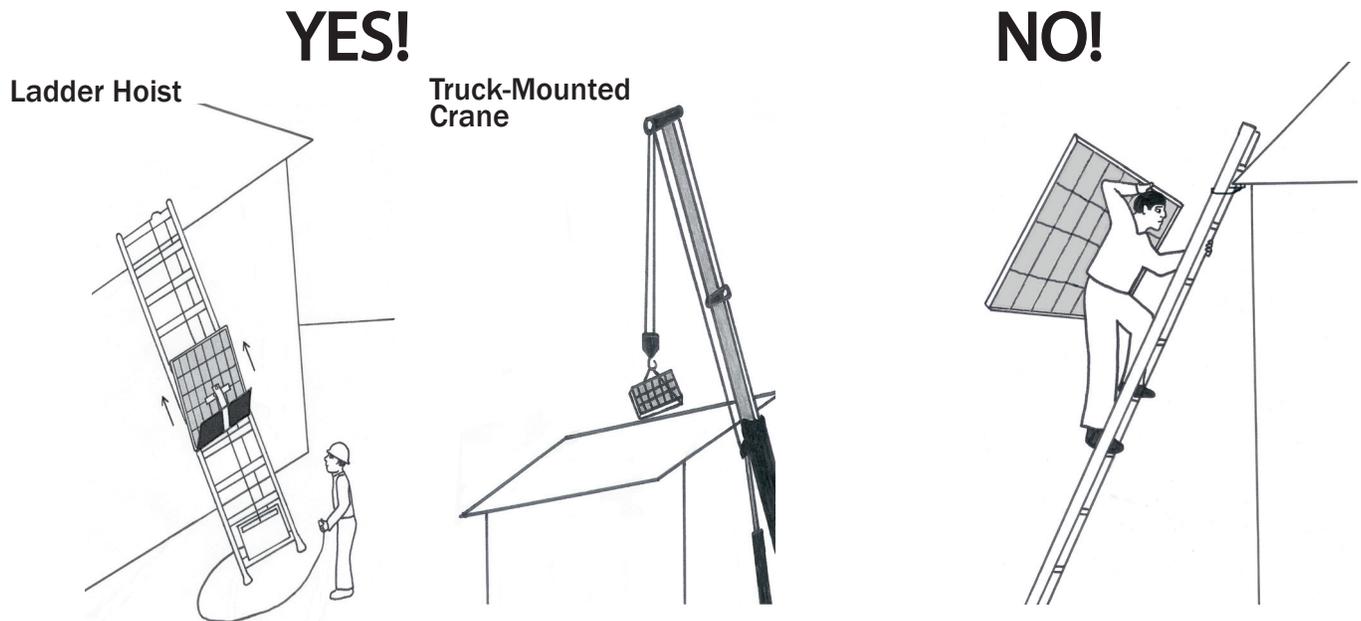


SOLAR PANELS: LIFT THEM SAFELY!



Never climb ladders while carrying solar panels.

Always use lifting equipment whenever possible, such as ladder hoists, swing hoists, or truck-mounted cranes/conveyors.

If lifting equipment is not used, manually lift panels to the roof using ropes, platforms, or other methods in accordance with best manual materials handling practices.

References:

www.laddersafety.org/ls/

www.docep.wa.gov.au/WorkSafe/Content/Safety_Topics/Manual_handling/Further_information/Roof_carpenters_and_manual_han.html

(Australian reference; useful information, but regulations cited do not apply in U.S.)

www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh_publications/mmh.pdf *(for basic principles see Section 3 (not specific to solar panels))*

The California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program has been investigating work-related deaths since 1992. The goal of the FACE program is to prevent these deaths by informing workers and managers of worksite hazards and how to avoid them.

For information on the California FACE Program, contact:

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