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# Foreword

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This standard is a reaffirmation of American National Safety Standard for Fixed Ladders, ANSI A14.3-2008. It is one of a series of seven standards prepared under the supervision of American National Standards Committee ASC A14. All eight standards have been developed by subcommittees reporting to American National Standards Committee ASC A14. The subcommittees are: A14.1, Portable Wood Ladders; A14.2, Metal Ladders; A14.3, Fixed Ladders; A14.4, Job-Made Ladders, A14.5, Portable Reinforced Plastic Ladders, A14.7, Mobile Ladder Stands and Mobile Ladder Stand Platforms, A14.9, Ceiling Mounted Disappearing and Climbing Systems, and A14.11, Stepstools.

All eight standards derive from the original American National Standard Safety Code for Construction, Care and Use of Ladders, A14, which was first approved in 1923. Revisions were approved in 1935, 1948, 1952, 1984, 1992, and 2002. Prior to the 1948 revision, the Code contained some treatment of metal and fixed ladders. Requirements for these types of ladders were removed from the 1948 revision, which then became the American National Standard for Wood Ladders, ANSI

A14.1 – 1948, because, in the opinion of the committee, the rapid development in the metal ladder field warranted special consideration and treatment of metal ladders and fixed ladders (usually metal) in separate standards.

Subcommittee A14.3 was created for the purpose of reviewing the data on fixed ladders originally contained in the Code prior to the 1948 revision, and making any changes or additions necessary to conform to the requirement of interested groups. The A14.3 standard was submitted to the ASC A14 Committee for letter ballot in December of 1955 and approved in 1956. A revision was published in 1974, 1984, 1992, and 2002.

The 2008 revision addresses a new section on ladder security systems, and changes to graspability in roof hatches, modifications of ladder safety systems, maintenance, use and additional figures to assist document users.

Suggestions for improvement of this standard will be welcome. They should be sent to the ASC A14 Committee c/o the American Ladder Institute at 330 N Wabash Avenue, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60611. All comments must be sent on the Official Comment Form that can be found on the last page of this document. Each comment must include a rationale.

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