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Bear Cubs Climb Dangerously Tall Ladder Of Ski Tower

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. — Recently, the management team at a Ski Resort in Colorado observed a couple of courageous bear cubs climb a ski tower.

Who knew that bears had interest in skiing or were capable of climbing ladders? The cubs approached the tower and started using the ladder like they were pros. In addition to watching the feat, there were also videos being recorded. One of them captured a resort employee’s radio commentary as she called in the rare thing that was taking place right in front of them. She kept things simple: “The bears are climbing the tower.”

Watching bears confidently climb a ladder is entertaining, but the highlight of the video is the response that the resort worker gets through the radio. After a brief pause, a man can be heard saying through the walkie-talkie: “No way. You better be taking videos.” You can’t just tell someone you saw bears climbing a tower ladder and expect them to take your word for it.

To see the video, copy and paste the url: https://www.instagram.com/p/C59tWSZPmfa/?utm_source=ig_embed&ig_rid=badef705-e335-45d5-b2e4-90aec740502a



Climbing Safety

It was not that long ago in our industry when a belt or no PPE at all was used as climbers accessed tower steel. We have come a long way regarding climber safety – training, rescue, equipment, and industry standards. It is amazing to see how today’s climbers navigate structures every day in a safe manner.

However, there are still challenges to keeping safety at the forefront of our projects as we access tower infrastructure:

- Environment** – the extreme elements tower climbers face on a daily basis - heat/humidity/cold/snow/precipitation
- Budget** – pressure for potential shortcuts due to low field service pricing
- Schedule** – hurrying in an attempt to meet unrealistic schedules
- Planning** – lack of pre-project organization resulting in improper/missing safety equipment
- Structure** – congestion on the tower due to the existing antenna mount installation(s), feedlines installed in or near the climbing path, damage to and/or lack of maintenance of the existing safety climb system, the safety system ‘tagged-out’
- Modifications** – tower mods that have disrupted, damaged, or removed climbing steps or ladder
- Anchors** – anchorage integrity involving loose anchor bolt hardware, guy anchor corrosion/degradation, and monopole base weld cracking
- Lift Equipment** – new regulations regarding operator training; appropriate PPE for safe usage with the equipment

Even in slow markets when everyone assumes there is more ‘time’ for safety we should be ever vigilant and never let our guard down! □

Reese's MINIATURES IN TOWER SAFETY IN PARIS



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