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ARM LACERATION ACCIDENT



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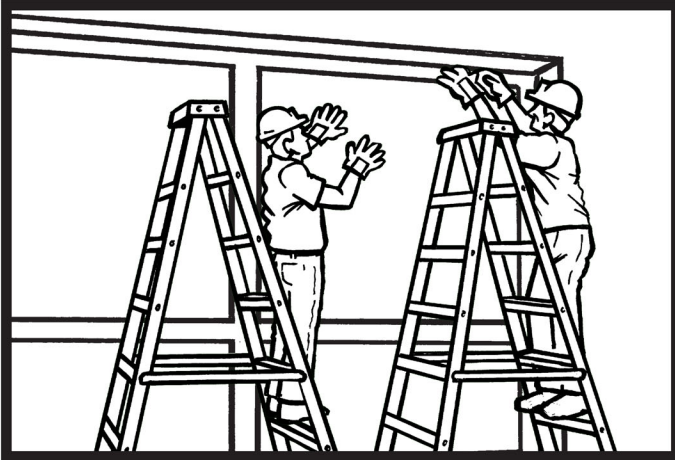
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3. Tape the glass to prevent shattering.
4. Use proper tools such as suction cup holders.
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