

Main Street Memo: The Parapet Wall

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AVOID LADDERING THE
PARAPET IF POSSIBLE



- **Three sided, unsupported wall.**
- **Decorative as well as hide anything on the roof.**
- **Can use the parapet to help age the building**
- **Avoid laddering the front of the parapet with your aerial if possible.**
- **Laddering the side keeps the waterway out of the way, and allows easier access on and off the roof.**
- **Take ground ladders to the rear.**
- **Terraced parapets are commonly found on pitched or arched roofs.**
- **Pre-fire examine parapet's condition. Look for leaning wall, cracks, protective water coating, etc.**



LADDER THE SIDE OF THE
BUILDING IF POSSIBLE



CRACKED PARAPET

