

Risk checker: Ladders



Working with a ladder or stepladder - Does this hazard exist?

Hazard		YES	NO
1.	Using wrong height ladder.	☐	☐
2	Ladder in poor condition.	☐	☐
3	Working from top 2 steps.	☐	☐
4	People falling from a ladder.	☐	☐
5	Ladder collapsing.	☐	☐
6	Ladder slipping.	☐	☐
7	Dropping items from ladder.	☐	☐
8	Overreaching	☐	☐
9	Other (please state)	☐	☐

If you have ticked at least one answer in the YES column:
YES IT DOES

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Please note that the list below may not cover all the possible cases in which there are hazards. Please add additional information for your own purposes

Preventative measures being used to reduce risk

☐	Ladders will only be used if a safety review has demonstrated that the use of more suitable equipment is not justified (taking into account the short duration of the work and site features that cannot be altered).	☐	Ladders will only be used if a risk assessment has demonstrated that the use of more suitable equipment is not justified (taking into account the short duration of the work and site features that cannot be altered).
☐	Ladders will only be used for light work of short duration	☐	Ladders will be inspected by user before use.
☐	Top 2 steps of ladder will not be used as a working platform unless constructed with a secure handhold.	☐	A ladder will be so positioned as to ensure its stability during use
☐	Any surface upon which a ladder rests will be stable, firm, of sufficient strength and of suitable composition safely to support the ladder so that its rungs or steps remain horizontal, and any loading placed on it.	☐	The legs of stepladders will be positioned as far apart as retaining cord or hinges allow with all four legs firmly and squarely on the ground. Retaining cords will be the same length
☐	Weather: work at height will only be carried out when weather conditions do not jeopardise the health and safety of persons involved in the work.	☐	A ladder used for access will be long enough to protrude sufficiently above the place of landing to which it provides access, unless other measures have been taken to ensure a firm handhold.
☐	Mobile ladders will be prevented from moving before being stepped on.	☐	Only one person will climb or work from a ladder.
☐	Users will keep 3 points of contact at all times when working on a ladder.	☐	Users will face the ladder at all times whilst climbing or dismounting
☐	Users working from a ladder will not over-reach or 'jump' the ladder to reposition it.	☐	Ladders will carry an identification mark and should be checked before setting up and inspected regularly.
☐	Ladder defects will be reported immediately.	☐	Ladders will not be painted, as paint can hide faults.
☐	Ladders will be stored correctly and maintained in a good condition.	☐	The user will be provided with the appropriate information, instruction and training.
☐	OTHER (please specify)	☐	OTHER (please specify)