

Risk Assessment Guidelines for use of STEPLADDERS Post Equipment Selection

Name of person completing assessment:

SITE

Activity: Using Leaning Steps for access or as a work place for cleaning, maintenance, painting, decorating, ceiling work, electrical work, plumbing, inspections etc.

Hazards (most common)

Overreaching

1. Steps becomes unstable
2. User, Steps, tools fall
3. User, Steps, tools strike person below

Sideways loading e.g. drilling

1. User pushes himself & Steps off balance & falls
2. User, Steps, tools strike persons below

Losing balance

1. User loses balance
2. User grabs Steps & Steps becomes unstable
3. User, Steps, tools fall
4. User, Steps, tools strike persons below

People at Risk: Users and other on site

Control Measures

my Job & Place

my answers

Are my Stepladder manufacturer's instructions available & have I read & understood them? Is it strong enough for the task?

Is my Stepladder capable of reaching the working height?

Have I checked my Stepladder for wear, tear & damage affecting safety? (e.g. hinges, rivets & dents. If in doubt, don't use it).

Does my Stepladder conduct electricity? Do I need a non-conducting Stepladder, e.g. live fault finding?

Can I carry my Stepladder & position it safely without slipping, tripping or falling?

Is my footwear okay for working on a Stepladder?



Number of people working on Stepladder (max one person).

Ground conditions: (must be firm, level & stable).

Do weather conditions allow safe use of Stepladder? (e.g. lightning, wind, rain, snow, ice, temperature & sun).

Frequency of use & duration of task without a break (not to exceed 30 minutes).

Danger of electrical shock (no LIVE electrical conductors within a dangerous proximity).

Can I carry materials, equipment & tools, climb Stepladder & work safely maintaining a handhold?

Can I place Steps to avoid overreaching & sideways-on loading on each task?

Could sudden unexpected movement cause me to fall off the Stepladder & how serious are the consequences of falling?

Should I segregate the working area around Stepladder to protect it & other personnel?

Reconsider level of risk if tasks change or if site changes.

Check for laddertag and current date status

Level of Risk: In view of the 'Controls my Leaning Stepladder is suitable for the task and site, a ladder having

Signature

Date

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