

**Operation/Activity:**    **Ladders**

**Site / Location:**

**Persons at Risk (tick appropriate boxes)**

<b>Employee</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pregnant Women</b>	
<b>Visitor</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Disabled Persons</b>	
<b>General Public</b>		<b>Lone Workers</b>	
<b>Young Persons</b>		<b>Others</b>	

*GUIDE TO RATINGS:*

RISK SEVERITY	RISK LIKELIHOOD	RISK RATING
1    Negligible	1    Unlikely	1 - 6    Low
2    Minor	2    Possible	7 - 15    Medium
3    Significant	3    Quite Possible	15 - 25    High
4    Major	4    Likely	
5    Catastrophic	5    Very Likely	

**Overall Risk Rating = Low**

**Describe the hazards associated with the activity/operation.**

		Summary of Assessment Overleaf				
		Risk Rating (Before Controls)	Likelihood (L)	Severity (S)	Risk (L x S)	Risk Rating
<b>H1</b>	Employee injury due to: Falls from the Steps Collapse of the Steps Typical injuries would be Back injury/knocked unconscious/crush injuries, ligament /tendon injuries, cuts/abrasions or bruises, muscular/nerve injuries	High	2	3	<b>6</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>H2</b>	Injuries to others due to materials or tools falling.	Medium	2	3	<b>6</b>	<b>Low</b>

<b>Assessed By:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Monitored By:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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Issue: 001  
Date:  
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# Risk Assessment



Hazard	Risk Control Measures	Residual Risk		
		Likelihood	Severity	Risk
<b>General</b>	<p>Working off ladders should be kept to a minimum and only for short durations.</p> <p>Operatives must be trained in the safe use of ladders/steps</p> <p>Steps must not be painted or treated in any way that will prevent defects from being seen easily.</p> <p>Any ladder discovered to have a defect will be immediately removed from use.</p> <p>Stepladders must be CE marked and EN131 standard (professional only).</p>			

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<p><b>H1</b> Falls/Collapse</p>	<p>Stepladders must be visually checked pre-use by the operative and any defects reported to their supervisor. The ladder must not be used.</p> <p>When using stepladders, operatives are allowed to use 3 points of contact consisting of both feet and the use of your body to support yourself for a 'brief period' when the use of both hands is required.</p> <p>Operatives must <u>maintain</u> 3 points of contact (hands &amp; feet) at all times when using ladders.</p> <p>Ensure that steps/ladders are positioned so that they cannot be struck by vehicle movement and where pedestrians cannot walk under them.</p> <p>Steps used must carry an identification mark and be inspected before use and by a competent person (maintenance) every three months.</p> <p>Only one person is permitted to be on the steps at any one time.</p> <p>Employees, working from a step ladder, must not over-reach. Always dismount the stepladder, then reposition it closer to the item.</p> <p>Steps must not be used off any structure that could become overbalanced.</p> <p>Do not use the top three rungs on ladders, or the top two on steps.</p> <p>Where there is a risk of persons and materials coming into contact with the step ladder during work, a suitable physical barrier will be placed round the base of the ladder to prevent people, including members of the public striking the ladder, or materials falling onto members of the public.</p> <p>Step ladders should be sited on a firm and level base and position the step ladder front-on to the work. Do not work sideways.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>6</p>
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