

SAFETY TOOL BOX MEETING

NO 20 - STEP LADDERS

As with ladders, their use as a working platform can only be considered as a last resort, and where other suitable access cannot be reasonably provided.

Before using a step ladder check the condition of:

- A. Treads
- B. Stiles
- C. Hinge arrangement
- D. Restraining rope/ bracket between legs

Damaged step ladders must be taken out of use and either destroyed or returned to the supplier

WORKING FROM STEP LADDERS

- 1. Firm level base
- 2. Type of operation – can a mobile platform or other suitable access be used instead?
- 3. Work from no further than two thirds up step ladders (handhold required). As a guide, the top rung of the stepladder must be no higher than your waist level.
- 4. Boards not to be slung between treads on steps to provide working platform. (Treads not designed for this loading; a one board wide platform is not a safe working place).
- 5. When working with electrical apparatus, wooden ladders only will be used.

I have given the above talk to all men under my control.

Signed:

Company
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