

Low Level Access and Work at Height Stepladders

Designers do not need to advise on access to all working at height unless of a potentially difficult or unusual nature. However, if unsuitable access provisions are used on site an accident can happen which could cause a shutdown of the site and long court case litigation.

Designers should look for:

Stepladders

- Stepladders can only be used if they are the only practical means of access.
- Stepladders can only be used for short duration works only e.g (up to 30mins).
- Users must be trained and instructed to use the equipment safely.
- The stepladder must be long enough to safely reach the work.
- The stepladder must be level.
- The user must face in the direction of work at all times.
- The user should maintain 3 points of contact at all times.
- Stepladders must not be used as a leaning ladder.
- Users must not use the top three steps of a stepladder unless a suitable extending handrail is available.

