

LADDERS

(Includes step ladders & extension ladders)



1 ALWAYS USE COMMON SENSE

This Equipment Safety Data Sheet is intended as a guide only for the safe operation of this ladder. It does not override the manufacturers instructions or Worksafe NZ recommendations or any other industry requirements. If you are unsure about any aspect of this ladder or its capabilities or its suitability, or if you are in doubt as to its proper usage you must contact one of the Hire Company Employees or an industry expert before continuing.

4 IMPORTANT HAZARDS



- **Risk of Falling!** Ensure ladder is secured and stable on stable terrain. Do not stand any higher than 3rd step from top. Do not overreach. Use three points of contact at all times.



- **Risk of electrocution!** Identify all electrical or overhead services before starting. Minimum 4 metres between ladder and any electrical services.

- **Risk of injury from falling objects!**

- Identify and secure any objects which may fall on the operators or people below the ladder.

- **Risk of Collision.** Create exclusion zone where necessary.



! DANGER!

- Check Ladder before using. Secure the ladder at the top and bottom where possible. Use a second person for added stability.
- This ladder must not be altered or changed in any way that may affect its height, strength or integrity.
- Never use in high winds or heavy rain.
- Never use if you are tired or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication or any substance capable of impairing your abilities. Minimum age 18 years.

2 PLANNING FOR SAFETY

A risk assessment MUST be carried out before using this ladder. You must:

- **Specify the task**
- **List the range of methods by which the task can be carried out.**
- **Ensure that this ladder is the best equipment for the intended job**
- **List the hazards involved and the associated risks**
- **The intended method of work and any other requisite plant and material**
- **Emergency and rescue procedures.**

Once the pre-start risk assessment has been completed you must specify the safe work procedure and communicate this to everyone.

3 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



HEAD PROTECTION



PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR



HIGH VISIBILITY CLOTHING

SUN PROTECTION MAY BE REQUIRED

5 WORK ZONE

WORK SITE PRECAUTIONS

Before commencing work you must ensure that you have completed a Job Safety Analysis, that the work site is clearly defined (and isolated if necessary), the ladder is secure and that emergency precautions are in place.

- Complete as much work at ground level as possible before using ladder. Carry tools on tool belt. Do not rest tool on ladder steps.
- Do not exceed maximum load rating for ladders.
- Take care with potential pinch points on step ladders and extension ladders.

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