

YOUR COMPANY NAME

RISK ASSESSMENT - USE OF LADDERS

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Falls from height			
Reliance on ladders without considering other, safer forms of access is now a breach of the Work at Height Regulations 2005.	High	Ladders are only to be used for jobs of short duration, e.g. 20 minutes and for low-risk activities, such as those which allow the employee to work with one hand always holding the ladder.	Short-term
In order to access external areas which are no more than two storeys high, employees have tended to use ladders, which present a risk of falling from.		For longer jobs and those requiring larger pieces of equipment to be taken to roof level, mobile access towers are to be used instead.	Short-term
Instability of ladder			
Ladders may become unstable depending on the state of the ground underneath.	Medium	Where ladder use is acceptable, always use anti-slip devices and secure the ladder at the top, wherever possible.	Short-term
Bad weather			
Sometimes work is carried out in bad weather, e.g. wind and rain.	Medium	All work at height is to cease if bad weather could jeopardise a worker's health and/or safety. This is now a specific legal requirement.	Immediate
Falling objects			
There is a risk of tools falling onto those below as employees carry hand tools up and down ladders.	Medium	Ensure that employees have been issued with and always wear tool belts. Use ropes to haul larger items up and down.	Short-term

This assessment has been completed to the best of my knowledge.

Signed.....

Date.....

Note: This risk assessment is to be kept on file for at least three years.