

Safety Task Card

STCGE 10

### **CP1** Training

### What are the hazards and how might they harm?





of from falling from height

Back and muscle strain from manual handling and/or overreaching



Crush and impact injuries to limbs from falling items

#### What other precautions should be taken?





Wear appropriate footwear with slip-resistant soles

Step stools must be less than 0.8m (80cm) high

Individuals who have not completed CP1 training are not permitted to use any type of ladder, or work above a height of 0.8 metres.

# Use of step stools and stepladders

(less than 0.8m height)

Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

### Safe System of Work

- 1. Only use a step stool or stepladder if:
  - There is no suitable safer alternative means to access the task
  - The work task is of short duration
  - It is used for light work where a maximum load of 10kg is carried
- 2. The step stool or stepladder must be in good condition and a suitable size for the task. It must be inspected by the individual before use for signs of damage.
- 3. It must be suitable for the surface conditions on which it will be used, for example, suitable for use on smooth surfaces or floor tiles, and the step surface must have a sound slip-resistant grip.
- 4. Position the step stool on a firm level surface that is free from loose materials, spillages and obstructions.
- 5. Make sure it is not at risk of being pushed or knocked by other hazards, such as opening doors. If necessary, secure doors, have a person stand guard or erect suitably located warning signs or barriers as appropriate to warn or prevent unauthorised access during the task.
- 6. Position the step stool or stepladder to face the work.
- 7. You must wear suitable and clean footwear with a good sole grip and a low heel
- 8. Never overreach when working on a step stool.
- 9. Do not attempt to lift an object that is beyond personal capability.
- 10. Always face the step stool or stepladder when standing on and off it.
- 11. Stand on the step with both feet firmly in contact with the step surface.
- 12. After use, return it to a secure place of storage.
- 13. Do not use a defective step stool or stepladder and report damage to your manager immediately.

If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.



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List any additional hazards or risks you have identified and control measures required to manage these.

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