

## Ladder and Stepladder Safety

Falls when working at height remain the most common kind of workplace fatality across the UK, accounting for around a quarter of all worker deaths and 8% of all non-fatal injuries every year, with many involving a fall off a ladder. It is essential to use the right type of ladder or stepladder for a task and know how to use it safely.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have worked in close partnership with the Ladder Association and have given their support to a new publication. Written by industry experts, this guide will help you better understand how to manage work at height risks and complements more detailed information freely available from the Ladder Association:

[Ladder Association/HSE Guide to the Safe Use of Ladders and Stepladders](#)

When purchasing a ladder or stepladder ensure that it complies with the standard **EN131 Professional**. All ladders and stepladders must be registered with the Physics Safety Office.

Further information on the working at height regulations may be found in the University Policy Statement [S3/11 Work at height](#).