

If you are using your ladder for any form of employment, you must be familiar with “Working at Height Regulations (WAHR) details of which can be obtained from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). You should also carry out a “risk assessment” of the work involved.

There is no specific EN standard covering Tripod ladders. However, all our Tripod ladders are tested to 100kg (220lbs) safe working load. This is the combined weight of the person plus their tools. Never exceed this and never work with more than 1 person on the ladder. Our Tripod ladders are designed for light trade or domestic use and should not be used for heavy duty industrial use



Tripod Ladder Selection.

Selection of your Tripod ladder should be based on “**common sense**”. To give an example, you should consider the typical work that you do, and the average height of your intended work. You should take into consideration that with ladders up to and including 1.8m you should stand no higher than 3 steps from the top. With ladders over 1.8m you should stand no higher than 4 steps from the top. You should also take into consideration your own height and reach.

Tripod Ladder Safety.

Always use the leg chain fully extended, so that the front and back legs are at the correct distance for the size of ladder, and the legs are at equal angles of 75 degrees.

Do not shorten the back leg to get closer to your work. Either work sideways to the job, or if you are working in, over or around a hedge, bush or tree, put the back leg into the hedge, bush or tree to get your correct working position.



Never put bricks or blocks under any leg of the ladder for any reason.

When working on slopes, always face uphill, adjusting the rear leg so that the front and back legs are at an equal angle and the leg chain is fully extended.

Never lean too far to the left or right. It may seem a chore, but moving the ladder along or around your work it keeps you in the correct working position, making you work more efficiently and keeping you safe

Never work with only 1 foot on the ladder.

When carrying your ladder always be aware of your surroundings, as not to damage your ladder.

Do not lean too far back from the ladder to admire your work

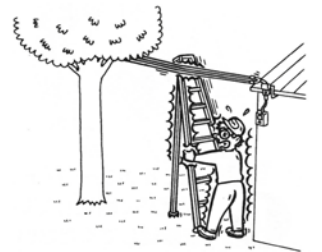
It is advisable to wear a tool holster or bag for carrying tools on the ladder.

Never walk down the ladder facing outwards. Always face into the ladder holding securely to the side rails.

Always be careful never to work in a position where something like a branch could fall onto you or the ladder after being cut.

Always check that there are no overhead hazards or wires.

Always check there is no-one underneath you when you are working



Ladder Inspection.

Although extruded and welded aluminium is exceptionally strong for its weight, heavy scratching or dents could cause failure. You are responsible for your own safety; therefore we advise that you should inspect your ladder on every occasion prior to use. Always be careful when storing your ladder that it is not damaged by other stored objects.

Always take care when tying down your ladder on the back of a truck. Never pull down on the middle as this could bend the ladder.

