

Play it safe cardset – Working at height

Q. How often should scaffolding be checked?

A. Every 7 days or following bad weather.

Q. Give one advantage of using a Mobile Elevated Working Platform (MEWP) instead of a ladder when fixing a street light.

A. It's secure, stable, quicker and safer.

Q. Which part of a wooden ladder protects the user if a rung breaks?

A. The tie rod.

Q. Your ladder is 4 m high. How far should it be set out at the bottom?

A. 1 m.

Q. Why should young or inexperienced learners be supervised at all times on working platforms?

A. Because they are not experienced at working at height and it is potentially dangerous.

Q. What is the minimum legal number of boards for a working platform?

A. Four boards.

Q. Who is allowed to erect, alter or dismantle a scaffold?

A. A competent scaffolder.

Q. What is the purpose of a guard rail?

A. To stop workers falling off a working platform.

Q. Who should inspect a ladder before you use it?

A. You should.

Q. How many people can safely be on a ladder at any one time?

A. One person.

Q. You identify a dangerous situation on site. What immediate action should you take?

A. Report to your supervisor.

Q. Why should ladders not be painted?

A. Because the paint may cover a defect or a damaged part of the ladder.

Q. What is the correct angle for a ladder giving access to a working platform?

A. 75 degrees.

Q. Name three parts of a step ladder.

A. Treads; hinges; stiles; tie rod.

Q. How should ladders be stored?

A. Off the ground and evenly supported.

Q. What is the maximum span between two trestles?

A. 3 m.

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Q. What is the purpose of a toe board?

A. To prevent materials falling off a working platform.

Q. What is the correct ratio for a ladder in use?

A. 1 to 4.

Q. What should you do if you found a loose guardrail on a scaffold?

A. You should notify a supervisor and place an 'Incomplete' tag on the scaffold.