

HSS Hire Shops

Ladder Safety

If using a ladder to gain access to the roof ladder, always extend it at least 1m above the height at which you step off.

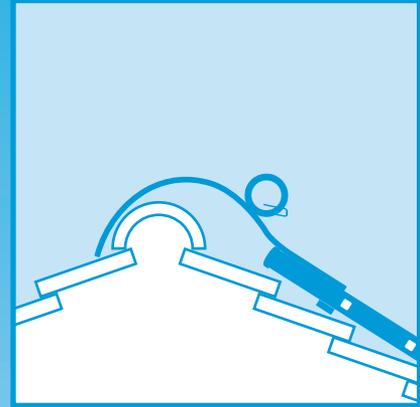
Never rest a ladder against anything that might not bear the load – windows, guttering and so on.

For maximum safety, rope the top of the ladder to the structure you are scaling and rope the bottom to stakes driven into the ground, if this is not possible, have a helper to foot the ladder.

FINISHING OFF

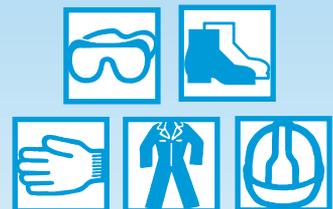
Turn the ladder over and carefully lower back to the ground.

Give the ladder a final clean, ready for return to your local HSS Hire Shop.



Roof Ladders

The safe way to reach across sloping roofs for inspection and repair.



GENERAL SAFETY

For advice on the safety and suitability of this equipment contact your local HSS Hire Shop.

Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area. Use barriers to cordon off the area below the work to safeguard against falling debris.

Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Don't attempt to use access equipment unless you feel comfortable working at heights.

This equipment should only be used by a competent person who has read and understood these instructions.

Never let more than one person onto the ladder at any one time.



Wear sensible clothing and stout, comfortable footwear offering good grip. If necessary, wear goggles and gloves.



A hard hat must be worn by everyone in the work area.

Never use access equipment unless there is someone within ear-shot to summon help in the event of an accident.

Never carry equipment while climbing unless you can do so leaving your hands free, carry the equipment in a shoulder bag. Climb first then haul the equipment up after you on a rope.

Never use access equipments near over-head or wall mounted power cables and similar hazards.

Check the equipment's condition before use. If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear – notably to ladder rungs – return it to your local HSS Hire Shop immediately.

Keep your feet in the middle of the rungs and climb gripping the sides firmly with both hands.

Never lean too far to one side to reach. Move the equipment as necessary.

Never use the equipment if the job requires both hands, better to hire an access tower.

GETTING STARTED

Push the ladder up the slope of the roof (see diagram) on its wheels, then turn it over so that it hooks securely over the roof ridge.

If the ladder is not long enough, STOP, don't take risks. Contact your local HSS Hire Shop for a longer model.

Then tie it in, this can be achieved by tying a rope to the top of the roof ladder, then throwing the rope over

the roof and attaching it to a suitable anchor point.

For added safety, wear a full safety harness and attach it to a suitable anchorage point.

EQUIPMENT CARE

Never push the equipment beyond its design limits. If it will not do what you want with reasonable ease, assume you have the wrong equipment for the job. Contact your local HSS Hire Shop for advice.

Keep the equipment clean, you will find it less of a chore if you clean it regularly rather than at the end of the hire period.

When not in use, store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe from thieves.

