

Risk Assessment

Use of Ladders and Stepladders

Venue	Buxton Opera House		
Department	GENERAL	Category	General
RA Reference	BUXOPGEN0022	Review	12 months
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Assessor/Reviewer	Jmorgan		

People at risk (estimated numbers of people at risk)			
Employees	11-50	Contractors	6-10
Visitors	6-10	Members of the Public	0
Production staff	11-50	Others	0
Client employees	6-10	Students	0

Activity
General Risk Assessment for the use of Ladders, Stepladders, footstools, and other short-term access equipment (not including Tallescope etc).

Any other relevant information

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Risk Rating			Actions	Revised RR		
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Fall of items from height whilst working from access equipment, building scenery, focusing lights etc.	Potential for death or serious injury to persons below work being undertaken due to being struck by items dropped from height.	1: All tools are to be secured by a lanyard or in tool belts when not in use and not placed on ladder platforms or scenery items 2: The area immediately below Work at Height should be cordoned off where possible. If this is not possible, all workers in the immediate area should be made aware of the work being undertaken, and the area designated a hard hat zone until the work has been completed.	1	5	5				
Untrained or unauthorised	Falls from height can result in potentially severe	1: All users of access equipment are required to have undertaken safe ladder	2	4	8				

persons working at height from steps or a ladder	musculoskeletal or impact injuries, with both short- and long-term effects.	training or at least attended a recorded local toolbox talk on safe use of ladders 2: Ladders and steps are kept securely where they cannot be accessed by unauthorised persons						
Use of faulty or damaged access equipment	Falls from height due to equipment failure can result in potentially severe musculoskeletal or impact injuries, with both short- and long-term effects.	1: Ladders and steps are visually checked for damage prior to starting work by users trained in the safe use of ladders 2: All ladders and stepladders are recorded on a local ladder register and are subject to regular recorded inspections by a competent person	1	4	4			
Use of improper access equipment (chairs, tables, or substandard ladders etc).	Falls from height can result in potentially severe musculoskeletal or impact injuries, with both short- and long-term effects.	1: Only purpose built commercial portable ladders and stepladders complying with EN131 are to be used on site (in addition to fixed ladders in place). 2: All persons are discouraged from using ad hoc means of access e.g chairs tables etc	2	4	8			
Working at height (i.e. on ladders, working platforms etc)	Potential for falls from height, resulting in death or serious injury to the person carrying out the task, or others working beneath.	1: Work at height eliminated wherever possible 2: Working platforms or ladders are to be stable and in a good working condition 3: Ladder to be footed where necessary 4: Ladders are to be repositioned rather than leaning out to reach work areas 5: Only trained persons are to operate ladders or other access equipment 6: Visual inspection of the ladder prior to use and regular formal inspection of the ladder 7: Ladders are supplied and sourced from a reputable and reliable source	1	5	5			