

## Risk Assessment Guidelines for use of LEANING LADDERS Post Equipment Selection

Name of person completing assessment :

SITE :

**Activity :** Using Leaning Ladders for access or as a work place for cleaning, maintenance, painting, decorating, ceiling work, electrical work, plumbing, inspections etc.

**Hazards (most common)**

**Overreaching :**

1. Ladder becomes unstable
2. User, Ladder, tools fall
3. User, Ladder, tools strike person below

**Sideways loading e.g. drilling :**

1. User pushes himself & Ladder off balance & falls
2. User, Ladder, tools strike persons below

**Losing balance :**

1. User loses balance
2. User grabs Ladder & Ladder becomes unstable
3. User, Ladder, tools fall
4. User, Ladder, tools strike persons below

**People at Risk :** Users and other on site

**Control Measures :**

**my Leaning Ladder :**

**my answers :**

Are my Leaning Ladder manufacturer's instructions available & have I read & understood them? Is it strong enough for the task?

Is my Leaning Ladder capable of reaching the working height. Can I erect it at the correct angle?

Have I checked my Leaning Ladder for wear, tear & damage affecting safety? (e.g. fixings & dents. If in doubt, don't use it).

Does my Leaning Ladder conduct electricity? Do I need a non-conducting Leaning Ladder, e.g. live fault finding?

Can I carry my Leaning Ladder & position it safely without slipping, tripping or falling?

Is my footwear okay for working on a Ladder?



**my Job and Place :**

**my answers :**

Number of people working on Leaning Ladder (max one person).

Ground conditions: (must be firm, level & stable). Should Ladder be secured?

Leaning surface conditions (must be strong, firm & stable). Should Ladder be secured?

Do weather conditions allow safe use of Leaning Ladder? (e.g. lightning, wind, rain, snow, ice, temperature & sun).

Frequency of use & duration of task without a break (not to exceed 30 minutes).

Danger of electrical shock (no LIVE electrical conductors within a dangerous proximity).

Can I carry materials, equipment & tools, climb Ladder & work safely maintaining a handhold?

Can I place Ladder to avoid overreaching & sideways-on loading on each task?

Could sudden unexpected movement cause me to fall off the Ladder & how serious are the consequences of falling?

Should I segregate the working area around Ladder to protect it & other personnel?

Reconsider level of risk if tasks change or if site changes.

**Level of Risk :** In view of the 'Controls' my Leaning Ladder is suitable for the task and site, a ladder having already been selected.

**Signature**

**Date**

