

SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Portable Ladders
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with the use of portable ladders
APPLICATION	Portable ladders should only be used when there are no permanent or temporary stairways or work platforms available for task.
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Safe work procedure Manufacturers specifications PPE ERP (Emergency Response Plan)
SELECTION AND USE	As per safe work procedure Manufacturers specifications Provincial OH&S Legislation
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements and training Work site inspection Selection of equipment
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All ladders shall be inspected prior to performing a task. 2. Wooden ladders shall not be painted. 3. Conductive metal ladders or wire or wire reinforced wooden ladders shall not be permitted in energized areas. 4. Ensure surface is level and firm. 5. Ensure ladder is tied off and set at the proper angle. 6. Ladders shall not be climbed higher than the second step from the top. 7. Three points of contact should always be maintained when climbing up or down. 8. Ladders should not be erected on boxes, tables, scaffold platforms, man lift platforms or on vehicles. 9. A ladder shall not be placed against an unsafe support. 10. Follow portable ladder safe work procedure step by step.

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