

**WARNING
STEP LADDERS**

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

DANGER: Never step up or down onto the top of this ladder. People have been killed getting down from workplaces such as loft spaces when they have stepped onto the top step of a stepladder, which then overturned.

DANGER: This equipment has multiple pinch points that can cause dismemberment or death. Keep hands, feet and all other body parts clear at all times.

DANGER: Never tie this ladder to bypass proper safety set up procedures. This ladder is not designed for stairways.

Warning metal ladders conduct electricity. Do Not use this Ladder where it may come into contact with power lines or other electric circuits. Failure to comply to this warning will result in serious personal injury or death. For proper set up distances from High Voltage Power Lines see chart below.

IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES TO FOLLOW

1. Inspect the ladder for damage or deterioration before using. Especially feet and steps.
2. Use on firm, level surfaces.
3. Do not use a stepladder as a straight ladder in a folded and leaning position.
4. Avoid lifting or carrying any heavy items while climbing up or down the ladder.
5. Do not use stepladders to support work platforms.
6. Do not place ladder feet on boxes, blocks or any other objects to level or gain height.
7. Do not use on ice or snow.
8. Maximum weight on this ladder is 250lbs.
9. Do not let children play on or around any ladders.
10. Do not use this ladder for electrical work. Electrical work requires a ladder made out of non-conductive material.
11. Be extremely cautious when working around overhead power lines. It is unlawful to use a ladder within 10' of power lines of 50,000 volts or more.
12. Never connect two ladders together to gain height.
13. **Do not step on the top 2 steps of the ladder.**
14. Do not use side bracing, cross bracing or shelf of this ladder for climbing or standing.
15. Only use stepladders in a fully open position. Lock the side braces and cross braces before climbing
16. Do not extend the center of your body's torso past either side rail of ladder! **Do Not over reach.**
17. Wear proper footwear with non-slip soles and keep all footwear clean of mud, oil, or other slippery substances when using ladder.
18. Don't carry tools in hand, use a, belt designed for the ladder work to be accomplished.
19. Always face the ladder while climbing or descending.
20. Do not attempt ladder work when wind or when other weather conditions make it unsafe to the worker, property or public.
21. Never leave erected ladder unattended.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. If there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment,

DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!!

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH

Maintain safe distances away from electrical power lines and apparatus in accordance with applicable governmental regulations and the following chart

Voltage	Minimum Safe Approachable Distance	
<u>Phase to Phase</u>	<u>Feet</u>	<u>Meters</u>
0 to 300V	Avoid Contact	
300V to 50KV	10	3.1
50KV to 200KV	15	4.6
200KV to 350KV	20	6.1
350KV to 500KV	25	7.6
500KV to 750KV	35	10.7
750KV to 1000KV	45	13.7

Allow for movement and electrical line sway or sag, and be aware of strong or gusty winds. Do not use the ladder as a ground for welding