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# 1209 Safety Guidance



## **Using the Roof Ladder**

- Wear your protective equipment, including your safety helmet.
- Take care when carrying the roof ladder that the end does not swing out of control, and injure someone or cause damage.
- Check the roof ladder each day before use.
- When climbing up or down use both hands on the stiles or on the rungs. Do not try to carry tools or equipment: use a toolbelt, pouch or shoulder bag. Alternatively, tools could be lifted by rope once you are in position.
- Always face the roof ladder when working: do not twist around to work facing away from the roof ladder.
- When working, you must always keep one hand and both feet firmly on the roof ladder and work with the other hand.
- Do not try to reach further by moving off the roof ladder: climb down off the ladder, the move the ladder over.
- Always climb up or down the ladder properly one rung at a time.
- When you have finished work, clean any spilled paint or dirt off the equipment. Always return the equipment to the hire company in a clean condition.
- 10. If the roof ladder is to remain in position when unattended, for example overnight, then you should make it secure, or remove the access to it, to prevent unauthorized use.
- 11. If the roof ladder is faulty or appears to be damaged, do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.
- 12. You may want to read this leaflet again. Please keep it until you finish work.

#### Keep this leaflet safe as it may be required for reference at a future date







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not slipper.

## **Roof Ladder**

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

### It is important to read all of this leaflet **BEFORE** you use the Roof Ladder

- 1. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
- 2. Work at height, on roofs, should only be carried out by people who have the necessary knowledge, skill and resources to do the job safely.
- A roof ladder is designed to enable the user to climb safely up a sloping roof.
- This roof ladder can cause injury or damage if it slips, or if you fall off it. It can also cause injury or damage while it is being moved or set in position. Use it in a careful and controlled way.
- If you have not used a roof ladder of this type or size before, familiarise yourself with lifting, positioning and securing it before you start work.
- You must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: Safety helmet (EN397 or B55240); Safety boots (EN345 or BS1870/4972) or strong shoes with soles that will not slip; Sensible clothing and gloves.
- The roof ladder must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of
- The roof ladder is designed for use by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.













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climbing or working on the roof

You must only have one man

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carefully so that the ridge iron

position, then turn the ladder over

to the ridge iron to roll the ladder into

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2. Use the wheels on the reverse side

ground should help initially.

6. If possible, tie your roof ladder in

on the other slope of the root.