

When not in use, **store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe** from thieves.

FINISHING OFF

Lower the ladder, simply reverse the erection instructions. Remove the ladder stay and give the equipment a final clean ready for return to your local HSS Hire Shop.

Ladder Safety

Ensure ladders are set at the correct angle. The gap between the foot of the ladder and the wall should be one quarter the vertical height the ladder is to reach (plus the length of the ladder stay being used).

The ladder's maximum safe working load, (the total weight of the user and tools) must not be exceeded.

Never stand on the top 3 rungs, either use a taller set or use an access tower.

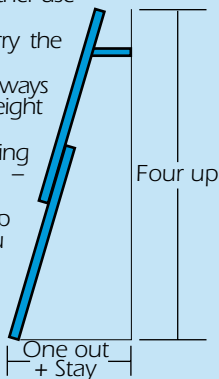
When moving to a new site, carry the ladders with care.

If using a ladder to gain access, always extend it at least 1m above the height at which you step off.

Never rest a ladder against anything that might not bear the load – windows, guttering etc.

For maximum safety, rope the top of the ladder to the structure you are scaling and the bottom to stakes driven into the ground (if this is not possible, you must have a helper to foot the ladder).

If using the ladder with a roof ladder, rope the two together.



...any comments?

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Ladder Stay and Safety Foot

Ladder stay, for holding the ladder away from a wall and the safety foot to hold the base of your ladder firm.



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GENERAL SAFETY

For advice on the safety and suitability of this equipment contact your local HSS Hire Shop.

There is a serious risk of personal injury if you do not follow all instructions laid down in this guide.

This equipment should be used by an able bodied, competent adult who has read and understood these instructions. Anyone with either a temporary or permanent disability, should seek expert advice before using it.

Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area.



Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Never let more than one person onto the ladder at any time.



Wear sensible clothing and stout, comfortable footwear offering good grip. If the job you are doing requires, wear goggles, gloves & hard hat.

Don't attempt to use the ladder unless you feel comfortable working at heights.

Never use the ladder unless there is someone close by to summon help in the event of accident.

Never carry tools or materials while climbing unless you can do so leaving your hands free, by carrying the equipment in a shoulder bag. Climb first then haul the equipment up after you on a rope.

Never use the ladder near over-head or wall mounted power cables and similar hazards.

Never use the ladder in very windy or blustery conditions.

Check the equipment's condition before use. If it show signs of damage or excessive wear- notably to ladder feet, rung, ropes, pulleys and locking devices- return it to your local HSS Hire Shop immediately.

Note that this type of equipment is designed to provide access for light maintenance work.

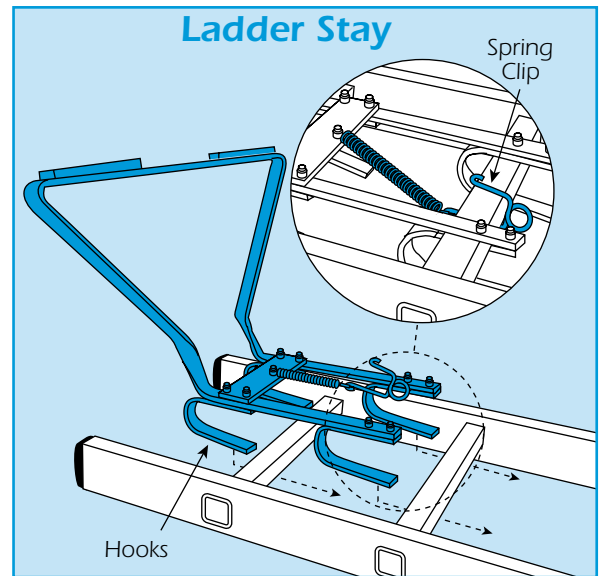
Keep you feet in the middle of the rung and climb gripping the side firmly with both hands.

Always climb on the outer face never on the underside, and **never lean too far to one side** to reach.

Never do anything that involves applying a lot of force. The ladder could topple over.

GETTING STARTED

Always set up the equipment on a firm, level, non-slip surface. On soft ground, stand the equipment on boards or preferably a ladder safety foot, to stop it sinking in.



LADDER STAY...

Fit the ladder stay to the top two rungs, slide the hooks over the rungs then secure in place using its spring clip (see illustration).

LADDER SAFETY FOOT...

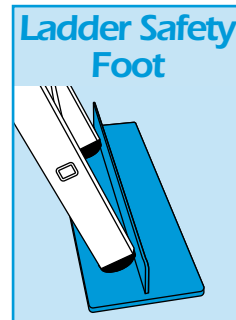
Place the Safety Foot back from the structure by $\frac{1}{4}$ of the length that the ladder has been extended. Where a ladder stay is used, its length should be added.

DO NOT use the Safety Foot on ice, loose surfaces (eg gravel) or on a slope that runs from side to side. If the slope is running from the structure outward do not use on a slope with a drop greater than 1 in 3.

If you are at all unsure, contact your local HSS Hire Shop for advice before you use it.

Extend the ladder to the required length ensuring the sections are securely locked together. Walk the ladder upright and rest the top of the ladder against the structure.

Finally **manoeuvre the base of the ladder against the inside edge of the Safety Foot** (see illustration).



EQUIPMENT CARE

Never push the equipment beyond its design limits. If it will not do what you want in complete safety and with reasonable ease, assume you have the wrong equipment for the job. Contact your local HSS Hire Shop for advice.

Keep the equipment clean, you will find this less of a chore if you clean it regularly rather than wait until the end of the hire period.