

Designer Contracts Ltd

Unit 8, Church View, Coney Green, Chesterfield, S45 9HA

Location: All Sites

Title : General - Working at Height	Date of Assessment : 13/09/2021	Risk Assessor : Lucy Boden
Risk Assessment Reference : GENWAH	People involved in making this assessment : Stacey Brereton	
Task/ Process : Working At Heights	People at Risk : Employees, Subcontractors	

Hazard : Tripping & Slipping Serious harm to yourself or others
Control Measures:
1. Ensure the area worked in is left clean, free from spills and tidy and rubbish is taken with you.
2. Report any unsafe work areas immediately.
3. Appropriate PPE must be worn at all times. Safety boots, full length trousers, hard hat, knee pads.
4. Ensure you stick to marked walkways when onsite to avoid trips and slips

Hazard : Falling
Control Measures:
1. Assessment must be made before using the airport steps to ensure suitability for the task.
2. Airport steps must be placed on even ground.
3. Only use ladders or step ladders that are suitable for work use and fall within the scope of BS2037 which is the British Standard for aluminium ladders and bears the British Standard kitemark.
4. Use either EN131 classification trade ladders which are produced from a stronger gauge of aluminium to withstand every day usage and have a maximum load rating of 150 kg or 23.5 stone, or Class 1 Industrial ladders which are the heaviest ladders available and are of the finest quality and strength.
5. Cont.. These have a maximum load rating of 175 kg or 27.5 stone.
6. Ensure boots/shoes are clean and in a good condition before using ladders.
7. Always wear safety shoes in warehouse. Full length trousers and knee pads must be used on site.
8. When using step ladders, ensure they are fully extended before use.
9. Ensure you always know where the first aid kit is kept and where the first aider can be located.
10. Complete as much of the work as possible from the ground.
11. Don't overreach on ladders or step ladders.

Hazard : Collapse

Control Measures:

1. Only light articles should be placed on top of racking - no heavy boxes.
2. Inspect ladders before use.
3. Ensure equipment is suitable, stable and strong enough for the job, maintained and checked regularly.
4. Never overload ladders. Consider the equipment or materials workers are carrying before working at height - Check the pictogram or label on the ladder for information.

Hazard : Handling**Control Measures:**

1. Regular follow up training on manual handling for all staff and fitters using the specialised Designer Contracts DVD.
2. Do not stoop or twist.
3. Don't use ladders or step ladders for strenuous or heavy tasks and only use them for a short duration (a maximum of 30 minutes at a time).

Hazard : Lone Working**Control Measures:**

1. Always ensure that a colleague and/or manager is aware of your location of work.

Hazard : General H&S**Control Measures:**

1. DO NOT use Class 3 Domestic ladders, as these are produced from very thin aluminium and are not strong enough to be used in the workplace.
2. cont.. Using these ladders in a commercial environment contravenes health & safety regulations and insurance companies often state that using domestic ladders for commercial work will invalidate claims for personal injury. These ladders have a duty rating of only 95 kg or 15 stone.

Documents Associated with this Risk Assessment:**Review Date :** 13/09/2022**Reviewer :** Lucy Boden