

the
LADDER



ASSOCIATION

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Training?

Duty-holders must ensure that no person engages in any activity in relation to work at height or work equipment for use in such work unless he / she is competent to do so, or is being trained and supervised by a competent person

Competence = training + technical knowledge + experience

But, this is very simple equipment

How can we train operatives to lean a ladder against a wall...

...or open a pair of stepladders?

There's nothing to it!

Work At Height Regulations

Where do the regulations apply?

Every work activity at height

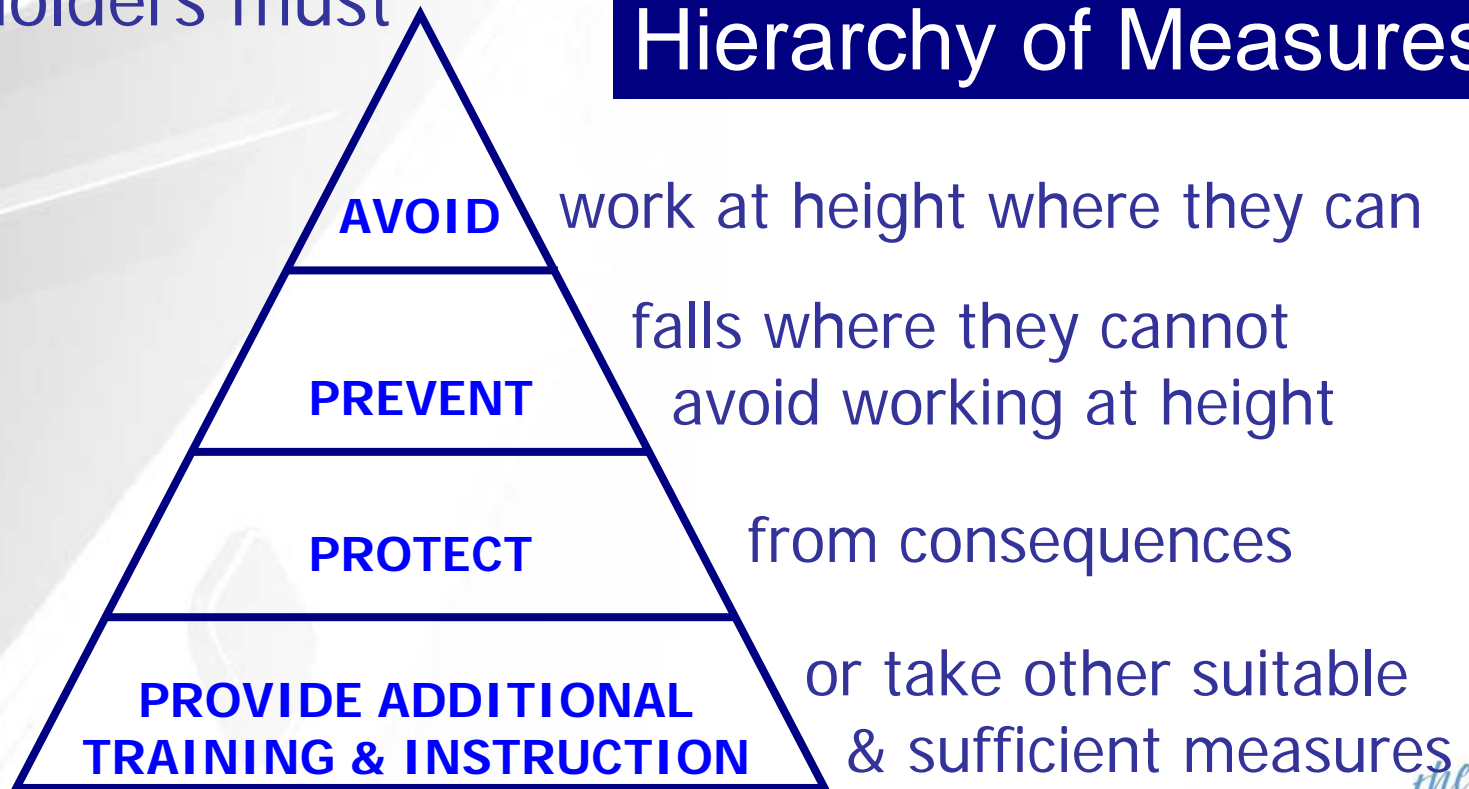
Where there is a risk of fall
liable to cause personal injury

Every industry

Work At Height Regulations

All Dutyholders must

Hierarchy of Measures



You must do all that is reasonably practicable to prevent anyone falling

Work At Height Regulations

Provisions for Ladders & Stepladders

Ladders & Stepladders may be used, where it has been demonstrated by a Risk Assessment, that the use of other work at height equipment is not justified, because of:

The nature of the work

The low risk
The short duration

Existing features which cannot be altered

Such as confined spaces, passageways, thoroughfares or places where the use of other equipment would create an obstruction

There is a definite need for training

If you can find it, who is providing training?

Self-appointed experts?

Training based on myth...

...and tradition?

Who verifies their competence?

Do they have the benefit of the combined
knowledge & expertise of the principal
manufacturers?

Best practice?



The Ladder Association Training Scheme

- Trained & Approved Instructors
- Assessed & approved Training Centres
- Minimum standards for
 - Training Centre Facilities
 - Equipment
 - Standard training content
 - Agreed & underwritten by all manufacturers
 - Best practice updated



Course Aims & Objectives

You will be competent to

- assess and determine when it is appropriate to use ladders & stepladders
- correctly locate and safely use ladders & stepladders
- visually inspect ladders & stepladders for damage ***before*** and ***after*** use

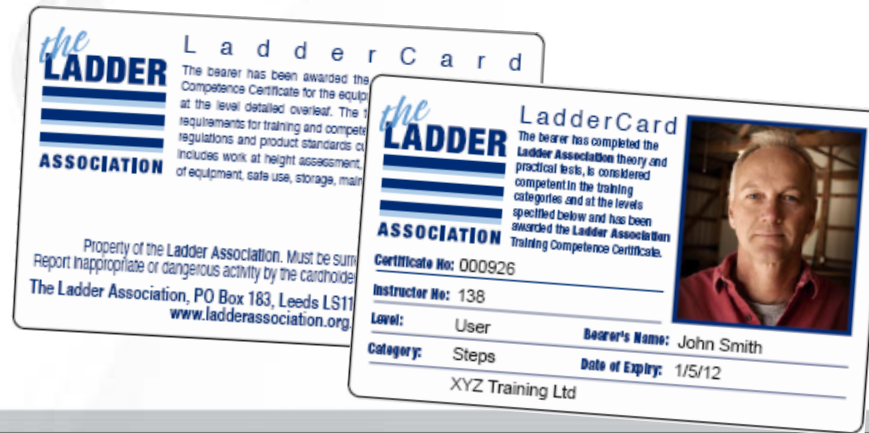
This course does not train you to be a competent ladder inspector. You must successfully complete a further Ladder Inspection training module at an approved Ladder Association Training Centre



Course Aims & Objectives

You will have an understanding of

- legislation and regulations affecting work at height
- product standards and classifications for ladders & stepladders
- hazards affecting the use of ladders & stepladders



Ladder Standards

Recommendations for Design and performance contained in Irish and European Standards

EN 131:Part 1:1993

Specification for terms, types, functional sizes

EN 131:Part 2:1993

Specification for Requirements testing, marking

BS 2037:1994

Specification for portable aluminium ladders, steps, trestles and lightweight stagings

BS 1129:1990

Specification for portable timber ladders, steps, trestles and lightweight stagings

Quality of Design, Manufacture and Value. Will have BSI Kitemark or equivalent testing mark



Ladder Classifications

according to general conditions and probable frequency of use

Class Duty Frequency Conditions of use, carriage & storage Applicable Product Standard(s)	INDUSTRIAL heavy frequent Onerous BS 2037, Class 1 BS1129, Class 1	LIGHT TRADE medium occasional / frequent Reasonably good BS EN 131	DOMESTIC light infrequent Good BS 2037, Class 3 BS1129, Class 3
	INDUSTRIAL CLASS ARE ALSO SUITABLE FOR LIGHT TRADE USE		NOT SUITABLE for LIGHT TRADE TRADE OR IND. APPLICATIONS

Planning & Organising, Selecting & Using

Remember:

Site

Task

Equipment

People

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- Positioning
- Stabilising
- Protect other People
- Weather Conditions

Task

- Duration
- Safe ascent and descent
- Loads created and their effect
- Maintaining a firm handhold



Equipment – Selection

Class
Material
Height
Type



People

Competent
Able

Training
Knowledge
Experience

Physically capable
Confident at height
Healthy, not under influence of drugs or alcohol

Sufficient

Help required to manoeuvre,
position or secure
Follow manual handling
/ risk assessment

Personal Protective
Equipment

Appropriate and clean footwear
Appropriate clothing
Other appropriate Personal
Protective Equipment?

Management & Control

- All Training Centres assessed
- Subject to ongoing audit
- Undertake to comply with Procedures
- Best practice maintained through Training Committee
- Instructors trained & approved
- Online registration of candidates
- Certificate & LadderCard

Certification

Valid for 5 Years

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Training Competence Certificate

Category Title: _____ 2

Having successfully completed the training programme and the tests specified in the Ladder Association Training Competence Certificate

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LadderCard

The holder has completed the Ladder Association Entry and practical tests in accordance with the training programme and the tests specified in the Ladder Association Training Competence Certificate.

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Certificate No: 000926

Instructor No: 138

Holder's Name: John Smith

Level: User

Date of Expiry: 1/5/12

Category: Steps

XYZ Training Ltd

_____ Hire Service Group

Issuing Company

John Smith

Registered Instructor on behalf of BLMA

Wednesday, 19 May 2005

Date Issued (Holder's Name)

54321

Certificate Number

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Where can you get training?

- 58 Training centres
- Already a number in Ireland
- Looking to recruit more
- www.ladderassociation.org.uk
- Posters
- Code of Practice
- Risk Assessment Cards
- Ladder Inspection Records

Questions