



# ladder training case study

## Training and the world of work

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### INSPECTION WORK

Clear Channel Outdoor is one of the UK's market leaders in outdoor advertising providing 60,000 advertising opportunities across 6 sheets, billboards and premium formats. David Wakelin, who has worked for the company for ten years, recently attended a Ladder Association training course delivered by HSS Training in London.

"When the idea of doing a ladder training course was first suggested, I thought it was going to be a complete waste of time. Come to that, so did the other five delegates – all from different companies – who attended the course on the same day. Like me, none of them had received any formal training and really couldn't see the need for it. In my case, many years ago, it had been confined to a quick demonstration and reliance on an accompanying leaflet."

"So it was quite a surprise, and an eye opener, when I came away thinking there was much more to ladders and stepladders than I had ever imagined. In particular, the case studies, when we had to decide what ladders to use for certain types of job, were especially illuminating."

"Overall, I felt the contents of the course were just right and covered every aspect from the rules and regulations to risk avoidance, ladder standards and classifications. And, of course, inspection and maintenance – something none of us had attached too much importance to in the past. It was useful to learn more about things like pre-use checks and in-depth visual and functional inspections."

"Whilst in my current job I'm not a frequent ladder user, I do use them from time to time and, when I do, I'm much more conscious of making sure they're safe to use and how I use them. I also think much more carefully about the sort of ladder I'm using and whether it's the right one for the job in hand."

"Having been through the course, I definitely believe it can only be of benefit to anyone who uses a ladder. I defy anyone not to be safer and more competent as a result."