

# Use and Care Manual

## PROPER USE

1. Do not use ladders if you tire easily or are subject to fainting spells, or are using medication or alcohol, or are physically impaired.
2. To protect children, do not leave ladder setup unattended.
3. Make sure all locks are engaged before climbing. Ensure that the top and bottom ends of the ladder are firmly supported. Make sure that the ladder is fully open.
4. Face ladder when climbing up or down; keep body centered between the side rails.
5. Maintain a firm grip; use both hands when climbing.
6. Never climb ladder from the side unless ladder is fastened laterally. Do not climb from one ladder to another.
7. Do not use ladder in high winds or storms.
8. Do not release the locks or operate hinges while standing on the ladder.
9. Cover up hinges during messy work. Obstacles or grime in the hinges will affect their function.
10. Do not overreach; the ladder may fall and cause injury or death. Move ladder whenever necessary.
11. Do not try to "walk" the ladder to a new position while standing on it. Always get down from the ladder and move it while standing on the ground.
12. Do not exceed the ladder's recommended working load.

## AS A STEP LADDER

1. Do not stand, sit or climb higher than the 3rd step from the ladder top.
2. **IMPORTANT**; Ladder is **ONLY** designed to support one person plus materials and tools per side in step ladder position. Total weight cannot exceed working load limit.

## AS A SINGLE OR EXTENSION LADDER

1. Set single or extension ladder at proper angle (approx. 75 degrees) by placing ladder base 1/4 of the ladder length away from the vertical support point. Distance from ladder base to vertical support must be at least 1 metre.
2. Do not stand higher than 3 ft (1 m) from the top.
3. Extend the ladder 12 in. to 3 ft (0.3 to 1 m) above the top support point. Tie or secure ladder at top support point.
4. **IMPORTANT**: Ladder is designed for only one person plus materials and tools in single or extension ladder use.

## AS SCAFFOLD SUPPORTS

1. **CAUTION**; A 24 in. x 10 ft (0.6 x 3 m) construction grade lumber plank or better that is not over 10 ft (3 m) long, must be used in all approved horizontal positions. Scaffold supports must be close enough together so plank extends by 24 in. (0.6 m) on each side. Plank must rest on two rungs at same level.
2. Do not place plank on top rungs.
3. Secure plank to ladder before each use.

## AS A STAIRWAY LADDER

1. Always place short side of ladder on stair step and long side on floor or large landing area to prevent ladder from slipping from step.
2. Short side of ladder must be all the way to the back of the stair step to avoid slippage. NOTE: do not use on backless (open) steps. Use only the long side for climbing.

## AS A WALL LADDER

1. Climbing side of ladder should be extended one rung longer than wall side of ladder at vertical top support point.

## PROPER CARE AND STORAGE

1. Store ladder in safe and dry place.
2. Properly secure ladder whilst in transit.