

## EQUIPMENT CARE

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

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

## FINISHING OFF

**Fold the unit fully closed before returning 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.

The maximum safe working load is 150KG, the total weight of the user and tools must not exceed this.

Never use the steps for work which requires both hands.

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

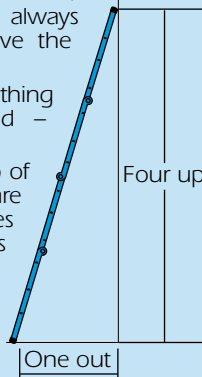
When moving to a new site, carry the steps with care.

If using a ladder to gain access, always extend it at least 1m (3ft) above the height at which you step off.

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

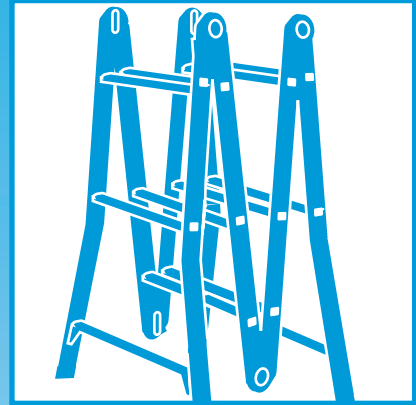
For maximum safety, rope the top of the ladder to the structure you are scaling and the bottom to stakes driven into the ground (if this is not possible, you must have a helper to foot the ladder).

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



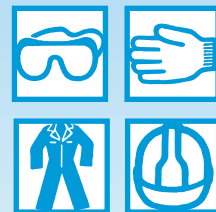
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# HSS Hire Shops



## Folding Ladder & Platform

**A ladder which can be set up as a step ladder or work platform.**



## GENERAL SAFETY

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

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.

This equipment should only be used by a competent person who has read and understood these instructions.

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



**Wear sensible clothing and stout, comfortable footwear** offering good grip. If necessary, wear goggles, gloves and hard hat.

**Don't attempt to use access equipment unless you feel comfortable working at heights.**

**Never use access equipment unless there is someone within ear-shot** to summon help, in the event of accident.

**Never carry equipment 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 access equipment near over-head or wall mounted power cables and similar hazards.**

**Check the equipment's condition before use.** If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear – notably to ladder feet, rungs and locking devices – return it to your local HSS Hire Shop immediately.

**Never use the equipment in very windy or blustery conditions.**

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

**Keep your feet in the middle of the rungs/steps and climb gripping the side firmly, with both hands.**

**Always climb on the outer face,** never on the underside.

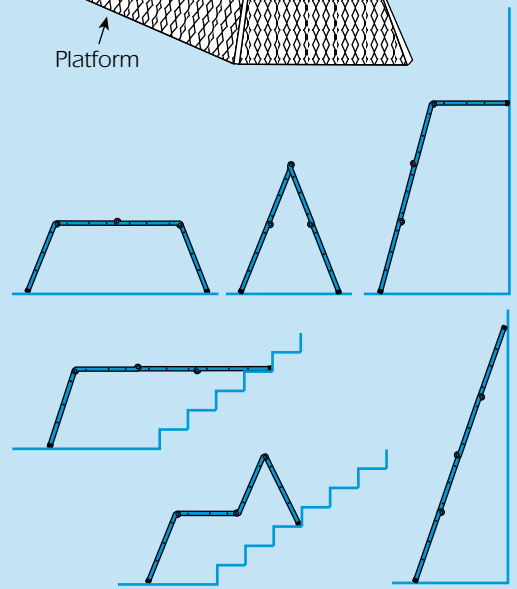
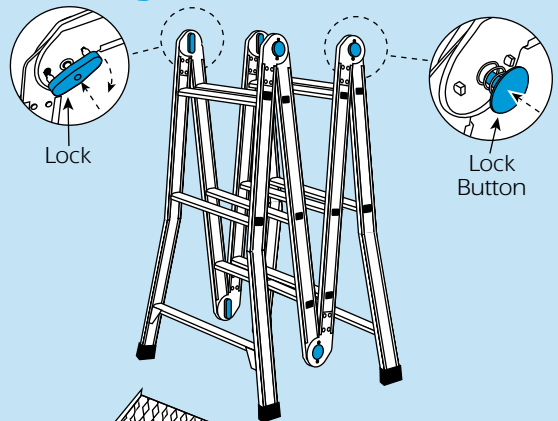
**Never lean too far to one side** to reach. move the equipment as necessary.

**Never do anything that involves applying a lot of force.** The equipment 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 to stop it sinking in.

## Folding Ladder and Platform



**Never use chairs, boxes and so on to gain extra height.**

**Unlock the hinges.** Push in and twist the red locking buttons on some models, on others push in the metal catch on each hinge. Fold out and arrange the ladder sections into the required configuration (see illustration).

**The hinges automatically lock** at angles of 0, 45 105 and 180 degrees. But **check that they are locked and ridged before use.**

**If using as a work platform, ensure the board rests centrally on the ladder rungs.**