Category Ladders Relates to video no. D2



Stepladders can be used to reach products at height more easily. For example, when stocking products, organising shelves and retrieving products for customers.

Benefits

- Stepladders are easy to handle
- Ensure short reaching distances and a good working height

Requirements for use

- The stepladder should be suited for the task at hand, for example with regard to height, weight and stability
- Only use ladders for tasks of short duration. A rule of thumb is to not work from a ladder for more than 30 minutes at a time
- Only handle light and easy-to-handle products that can be carried in one hand when working on ladders
- Always keep one hand free to hold on to the ladder
- The stepladder should be placed appropriately and conveniently close to the task at hand to avoid long reaching distances
- People who work from stepladders should wear well-fitting, flexible footwear
- The ladder needs a stable and even surface to stand on

Considerations prior to procurement

- What do we need a stepladder for?
- What are our requirements for the design of the stepladder, for example with regard to height, steps, materials, weight, stability, handles, etc.?
- Check that the ladder you want is labelled with a load chart and is approved under the EN 131 or DS/INSTA 650 standards

After procurement

- Inspect for deficiencies/defects before use
- Should be maintained as described in the instructions for use
- Employees should be instructed in how and for what tasks the stepladder should be used
- · Make sure the instructions are followed

