

Dennington Parish Council.		RISK ASSESSMENT		RA 04 - 00 (April 2022)		
ACTIVITY COVERED BY THIS ASSESSMENT: USE OF LADDERS AND STEP LADDERS						
SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS			ASSESSMENT OF RISK			
			INSIGNIFICANT	LOW	MED	HIGH
1.	Falls of persons from ladder				X	
2.	Ladder slipping				X	
3.	Objects dropped by ladder user			X		
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ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISKS:						
Compliance with: (e.g. acts, regulations, codes, standards, company, safety, policy)						
Provision and use of work Equipment Regulations 1998 and ACoP						
Work @ height 2005						
HSE Construction Information sheet 49 – General access scaffolds and ladders						
British Standards: BS 1129: 1990 – Timber ladders, steps etc. BS 2037 : 1994 – Aluminium ladders, steps & trestles						
HSE Booklet HS (G) 150 – Health & Safety in construction						
PLANNING: (e.g. pre-contract, maintenance, work sequence, interaction between trades or contractors)						
Ladders will be checked to ensure correct length, type and condition before use. Ladders are subject to the planned maintenance programme. Ladder work is restricted to that which can be carried out using one hand only.						
PHYSICAL: (e.g. access, ppe, requirements, equipment requirements, barriers/fencing, signs)						
The ground base for ladder use must be firm and level. The ladder must be of sufficient length to extend a sufficient height above the step – off point when used as access to a scaffold. The correct angle of rest for a ladder is 75 degrees, or a base to height ratio of 1:4. Ladders must be secured against slipping, by tying at the top or at the bottom. Ladders may only be footed as a sole precaution against movement if less than 3m high Over - reaching from ladders will be avoided. When using stepladders the hips should be kept below the top platform and between the stiles to ensure stability.						
MANAGERIAL/SUPERVISORY: (e.g. checks and actions required by supervision)						
Supervisors must check ladders before use to ensure they are sound. Use made of ladders will be monitored regularly, to ensure that operatives are not over – reaching, or using two hands to work. Damaged ladders will be broken up or removed from the workplace immediately. Painted ladders will not be accepted for use. Managers must check method statements supplied by subcontractors and others, e.g. window cleaners, to ensure that ladders will be used correctly and that safe access will be available.						
TRAINING: (e.g. specific employee /operator training or certification required)						
All operatives must be trained in the safe use of ladders and the hazards, which are to be avoided. This will normally be done at induction.						
<i>This generic assessment must be completed by addition of specific site details on the reverse</i>						