

The Danish Working Environment Authority (WEA)

The WEA is a government authority in Denmark, one of the functions of which is supervision of building and construction sites.

On Danish building sites, the provisions of Danish working environment legislation and associated guidelines apply.

The WEA has four Inspection Centres. Its head office is located in Copenhagen.

Inspection Centre staff includes specialists with knowledge of particular industries. Among these are inspectors specialising in the area of building and construction.

If you would like to find out more about the Danish legal provisions relating to building sites, you can find the information at www.at.dk.

Reaction

When visiting/inspecting your site, WEA inspectors will check whether your work is being performed in accordance with the Danish rules.

If they find anything that does not meet the requirements of the Danish rules, they have the following options:

Guidance: Giving advice and guidance on how your work can be performed in accordance with the Danish rules.

Improvement Notice: Issuing an Improvement Notice requiring the matter to be put right within a specified time limit.

Prohibition Notice: Ordering work to be stopped, in cases where there is an imminent substantial risk to your life and health or that of others.

Report to the Police: Making a report to the Police with a view to prosecuting you for gross recklessness in the performance of the work.

Ladder Work Safety

See also the folders on:

- Roof Work
- Scaffolding work



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Ladders

Ladders are the cause of many serious accidents. Therefore it is best to choose more suitable equipment when working at height, for example a lift. If you do have to use ladders, we recommend you use ladders with the DS/EN 131 standard.

Remember the maker's instructions, which must cover:

- Ladder slope
- Warning against dangerous use
- Inspection and maintenance
- Storage
- Permitted load.

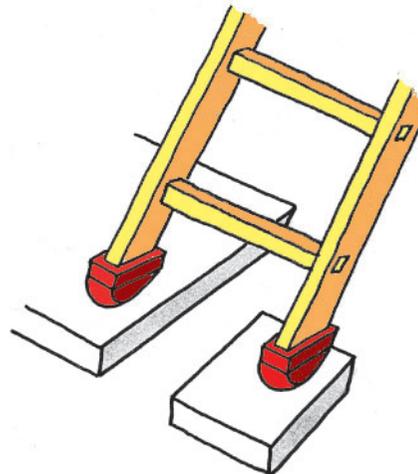


Ladder work must not exceed 2.5 hours per day. Each ladder working period must not exceed 30 min. The top two rungs must not be used.

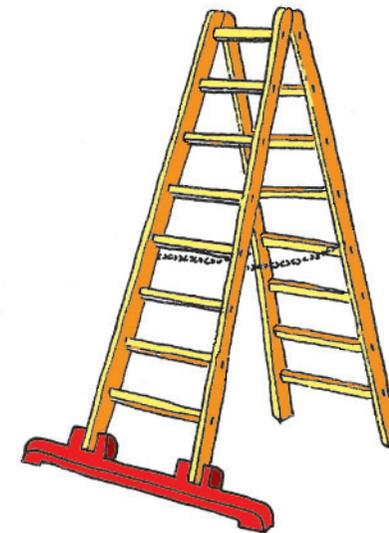
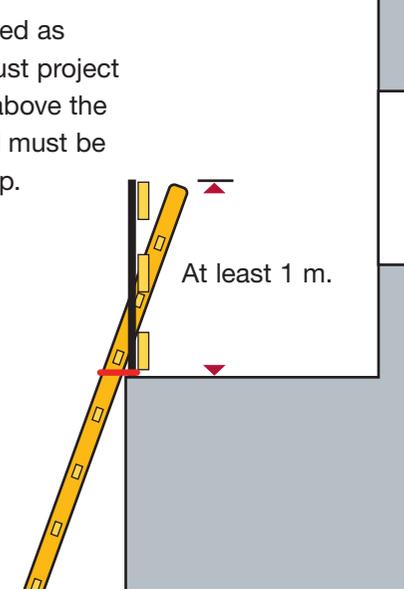
When working from a ladder, it is only permitted to use light and manageable tools and materials that weigh no more than 10 kg and can be used with one hand.



Ladders should be set up according to the instructions from the supplier, on a solid surface and at an angle of 75 degrees. Ladders must not be erected in front of doors or entrances.



Ladders to be used as access routes must project at least 1 metre above the access point and must be secured at the top.



Trestle ladders should have a chain.

Damaged ladders should never be used.

Therefore check your ladders before using them and in accordance with the supplier's instructions.