

# Ryman Sites – Safe Working Platforms

Stepladder / a-frame



Trestle / Hop Up



Platform Ladder



Mobile Scaffold



Safety Step



As of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018, stepladders (a-frames) and trestles are no longer permitted on Ryman sites. This is due to there being safer alternatives available.

Stepladders and trestles provide no edge protection and are the most undesirable form of Personal Control Measures in WorkSafe’s Working at Height ‘Hierarchy of Controls’. Platform ladders and mobile scaffold, on the other hand, are considered the most desirable of Personal Control Measures



WorkSafe website states that stepladders should only be used as a means of access or to carry out short duration work e.g. changing a light bulb, which excludes most trades on our sites.

WorkSafe also mentions that when using a stepladder, you must keep three points of contact at all times. This is not possible for most tasks.

We have allowed the use of Safety steps; due to their high grip, large working platform, low working height and stability.

Lastly, if your work requires the use of platform ladders, mobile scaffold and/or safety steps, please ensure your SWMS(s) include the safe use of these working platforms.

Note: apart from eliminating the need to work at height, Group Control Measures e.g. edge protection systems are preferable to Personal Control Measures.