

Safe Operating Procedure

Allweld Tripod Orchard Ladders

Familiarise yourself with the safety instructions on the ladder. Do not become complacent or overconfident with ladder use during repetitive tasks.

Wear slip-resistant footwear – not sandals or flip-flops. Do not wear any loose fitting clothing. Shirts etc must always be tucked in.

Do not use if affected by a medical condition, medication, drugs, alcohol, or if you are uncomfortable with heights.

Allweld Industrial Ladders conduct electricity. Keep ladder clear of power lines, live wires or electrical hazards. When transporting your ladder check for overhead power lines, live wires or electrical hazards.

Inspect your ladder before climbing. Check for worn parts or damaged sustained by a previous user such as broken welds or bent tubes. If any component is found to be worn or damaged **RECTIFY FAULT BEFORE USE.**

Always position the ladder within an arm's reach (or closer if possible) to the task required. Do not over reach. The vast majority of your body weight must remain between the ladder styles.

Do not position the ladder where it could be bumped by people, animals, machinery, opening doors, etc.

Place the ladder on a firm surface and ensure foot spikes are pushed firmly into the ground. Check there is no rocking movement before climbing the ladder. If rocking occurs reposition the ladder until all feet have firm contact with the ground.

Ensure the ladder is fully opened before climbing and the spreader bar must be locked into position.

When the ladder is set up ensure steps are level.

When ascending or descending always maintain three points of contact with the ladder and always face towards the ladder. Picking bags or tool belts can help to keep hands free.

Only one person is permitted on the ladder at any time. A second person may stand along side the ladder and help steady if required.

Never stand on the top two steps.

Do not "walk" the ladder whilst on it. Always get off the ladder to shift position.

Ensure the ladder steps are kept clean & dry whilst in use.

Tripod ladders with foot spikes are not designed for use on concrete or hard surfaces.

Respect your ladder and always put safety first.

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of safe operating procedures and each and every workplace must develop their own Ladder SOP to be incorporated into their WHS manual.