

TOOLBOX TALK #36

Trestles & Stepladders

NOTES

- Damaged stepladder – either destroy or return to the supplier.
- Use of firm level base.
- Do not work higher than two thirds up stepladder (hand hold)

Q: Before using steps what should you consider?

- Do not use boards between treads on steps to provide a working platform – they are not designed for this loading.
- Do not paint wooden steps, use clear varnish.
- Do not lean outwards or sideways from the steps, move them.
- Ensure steps are fully extended before you go up
- Repost all damage immediately.

Q: Why shouldn't you use boards on step treads?

NOTE TO SUPERVISOR

Now inform your workforce of the company policy regarding stepladders and trestles.

Do you have any questions for me?

Questions for you

Q: How often should scaffold boards be supported when used on either adjustable or folding trestles?

Q: Before using steps what should you check?

REMEMBER

Observe the rules and prevent a fall

Sources: [Safe use of ladders and stepladders - HSE](#)

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