

Designer Contracts Ltd

Reference: GENWAH

Risk Assessment

Title	General – Working at Height	Date Of Assessment	Wed 17 Dec 2025
Site	Designer Contracts Ltd	Location	All Sites
Risk Assessor	Laura Cross	Assisted By	Antony Maidens
Non-Employees Involved	-	People At Risk	Subcontractors, Employees
Task Description	Working At Heights		
Review Date	Mon 04 Jan 2027	Reviewer	Laura Cross

Hazards

Hazard	Tripping & Slipping
Risk Of Harm	Serious harm to yourself or others
Existing Control Measures	1. Ensure the area worked in is left clean, free from spills and tidy and rubbish is taken with you. 2. Report any unsafe work areas immediately. 3. Appropriate PPE must be worn at all times. Safety boots, full length trousers, hard hat, knee pads. 4. Ensure you stick to marked walkways when onsite to avoid trips and slips

Hazard	Falling
Risk Of Harm	Serious injury to self and others.
Existing Control Measures	1. Assessment must be made before using the airport steps to ensure suitability for the task. 2. Airport steps must be placed on even ground. 3. Only use ladders or step ladders that are suitable for work use and fall within the scope of BS2037 which is the British Standard for aluminium ladders and bears the British Standard kitemark. 4. Use either EN131 classification trade ladders which are produced from a stronger gauge of aluminium to withstand every day usage and have a maximum load rating of 150 kg or 23.5 stone, or Class 1 Industrial ladders which are the heaviest ladders available and are of the finest quality and strength. 5. Cont.. These have a maximum load rating of 175 kg or 27.5 stone. 6. Ensure boots/shoes are clean and in a good condition before using ladders. 7. Always wear safety shoes in warehouse. Full length trousers and knee pads must be used on site. 8. When using step ladders, ensure they are fully extended before use. 9. Ensure you always know where the first aid kit is kept and where the first aider can be located. 10. Complete as much of the work as possible from the ground. 11. Don't overreach on ladders or step ladders.

Hazard	Collapse
Risk Of Harm	Serious injury to self and others.
Existing Control Measures	1. Only light articles should be placed on top of racking – no heavy boxes. 2. Inspect ladders before use. 3. Ensure equipment is suitable, stable and strong enough for the job, maintained and checked regularly. 4. Never overload ladders. Consider the equipment or materials workers are carrying before working at height – Check the pictogram or label on the ladder for information.

Hazard	Handling
Risk Of Harm	Handling
Existing Control Measures	1. Regular follow up training on manual handling for all staff and fitters using the specialised Designer Contracts DVD. 2. Do not stoop or twist. 3. Don't use ladders or step ladders for strenuous or heavy tasks and only use them for a short duration (a maximum of 30 minutes at a time).

Hazard	Lone Working
Risk Of Harm	No one may be aware if you are injured
Existing Control Measures	1. Always ensure that a colleague and/or manager is aware of your location of work.

Hazard	General H&S
Risk Of Harm	General H&S
Existing Control Measures	1. DO NOT use Class 3 Domestic ladders, as these are produced from very thin aluminium and are not strong enough to be used in the workplace. They Must be EN131 standard. 2. Using these ladders in a commercial environment contravenes health & safety regulations and insurance companies often state that using domestic ladders for commercial work will invalidate claims for personal injury. These ladders have a duty rating of only 95 kg or 15 stone.

Past Reviews

Review Date	Reviewer	Comments
Fri 13 Sep 2024	Laura Cross	reviewed and date updated
Tue 13 Sep 2022	Antony Maidens	Risks and Control measures have been checked