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1. Introduction:

1.1 Working platforms consist of anything used to achieve your task. Primary examples include trestle platforms and stepladders, both of which are potentially hazardous if not used safely.

2. Main Points:

2.1 Trestle platforms, stepladders should generally only be used for light, short-term work. Consider the following description doesn't apply.

2.2 Only equipment designed for such use should be used as makeshift platforms are unsafe and unnecessary.

2.3 The minimum width of a platform should be 600mm.

2.4 Where 2m in height, toe-boards must be provided, intermediate guard-rails and toe-boards must be provided.

3. Points to remember

3.1 Ensure the surface on which the platform is to be erected is suitable, i.e. level and firm.

3.2 Consider access to the platform.

3.3 Never "piggy back" on another person.

3.4 Only use case hardened steel for trestle bearers — not nails, brick ties etc.

3.5 Never balance trestles on concrete blocks, oil drums etc to gain extra height.

3.6 Do not use trestles, stepladders, tower scaffolds etc to gain extra height.

3.7 When using stepladders, hinges and restraining ropes/chains prior to use should be checked and taken out of service and report it.

3.8 Stepladder rungs must be used to create working platforms.

3.9 Do not over reach with stepladders — get down and move them!

- 3.10 Never use working platforms, ladders and trestles near to exposed leading edges, voids or openings.
- 3.11 Do not work more than 1.5m above a stepladder (remember to lock it up prior to mounting).

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