

## SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT FOR WORKING AT HEIGHT

Before starting any work at height you **MUST** assess the method and equipment to be used. Working at height now includes any work above the surface of the ground/floor level. The Assessment establishes an access hierarchy for **short duration work** (taking less than 15 minutes at a single location)

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK TASK: \_\_\_\_\_

**Assessment Stage 1**

Is it practical to erect a **tubular scaffold system** based upon:-

**The duration / nature of the work**

**Restricted Access**

**Availability of Equipment / Erectors**

**"Emergency" work**

**Site Conditions**

**Creation of Secondary Risks**

Yes	No

Where NO is ticked, please provide further details

**Assessment Stage 2**

Is it practical to erect a **tower scaffold or system platform** based upon:-

**Duration / nature of work**

**Simplicity / complexity of the work**

**Restricted Access**

**Equipment Availability**

**Emergency / urgent work**

**Site Conditions**

**Creation of Secondary Risks**

**Availability of PASMA trained employees / contractors**

Yes	No

Where NO is ticked, please provide further details

**Assessment Stage 3**

Is it practical to use a **Mobile Elevated Work Platform** based upon the following:-

**Duration / nature of work**

**Simplicity / complexity of the work**

**Restricted Access**

**Equipment / urgent work**

**Site Conditions**

**Secondary Risks**

Yes	No

Where NO is ticked, please provide further details

**Assessment Stage 4**

Can an alternative means, e.g. **Podium or other system** be used?:-

**Duration / nature of work**

**Simplicity / complexity of the work**

**Restricted Access**

**Site Conditions**

**Creation of Secondary Risks**

Yes	No

Where NO is ticked, please provide further details

Having reviewed all the other options, it is considered that the work of a **"short duration"** (i.e. less than 15 minutes) and can be carried out safely from a ladder or step ladder.

The following arrangements should be in place:-

- a) A **Risk Assessment** detailing hazards, Level of Risk and Control Measure has been provided
- b) A **safe system of work** based on the above assessment
- c) Employees / contractors have been informed regarding the above and this has been recorded in writing
- d) That operatives have received **Information Instruction and Training** in the safe use of ladders and harnesses
- e) Public protection issues including signs & barriers have been addressed

Yes	No

If any of the above are ticked as a "No", work from step ladders **MUST NOT** commence

Assessment carried out by:

(Name, Company, Position) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_