

Platform Ladders Preferred – Other Ladder Types Restricted

Background:

Across Australia, over 6,200 people were hospitalised and 66 lost their lives due to ladder-related falls between 2021-22.

ADG has had several potential incidents involving falls from ladders.

Industry safety bodies strongly recommend platform ladders as the preferred option because of their improved stability and safety design features.



Key Message

To enhance safety, ADG has made A-frame and extension ladders **Restricted Items**. The platform ladder is the preferred and default tool of choice.



Action Required:

- Always use a platform ladder of suitable height whenever performing ladder work, wherever possible
- If a platform ladder cannot reasonably be used and an A-frame or extension ladder is required, you must complete and obtain approval of a [Restricted Items Permit](#) before commencing work.



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