

# Safer places of Worship

## Ladders & Steps

See the section on falls from height for the basic principles of assessing, preventing and reducing the risks.

Think: before you, or one of your staff uses a ladder, set of steps, or even a chair to perform a task for you.

Is this the right equipment for the job?

Common causes of falls include:

- over reaching
- the user slips
- the ladder slips
- the ladder breaks

All ladders and steps should be properly maintained and regularly checked for defects. If any problems are found they should be taken out of use immediately.

**Click here for the HSE's guidance notes on the 'safe use of ladders and stepladders'**  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg402.pdf> (7 pages)

**or for pocket size 'top tips' on safe ladder use go to:**  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg405.pdf> (6 pages)

