

SAFETY ALERT

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Working at Heights – Fall Prevention

Did you know that working on a ladder **two metres** and above is dangerous and a safety hazard?

Working height limits for UCA staff and volunteers is two metres.

Falls from heights can be fatal and/or cause serious injuries.

To work at a height you often need fit-for-purpose equipment, maintenance practices, and pre-work inspections of equipment.

Church Councils are the responsible bodies for safety. Church Councils must ensure that people over 65 are not at greater risk of injury and death due to falls.

Above the two metre height limits must be carried out by insured contractors who are both experienced and qualified.

Ladder Safety

Platform step ladders and safety steps should only be used for very light work of short duration and/or accessing storage areas where there is no danger of over-reaching and where the ladder can be set up on a flat, firm surface that is clear of trip hazards.



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For more information about ladder safety and working at heights please contact <u>SynodOHS@victas.uca.org.au</u> Ph: (03) 9116 1994

