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## **9.0 USE OF STEP LADDERS**

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### **9.1 General**

As with all ladders, make sure that the stepladder is in good condition, and is the right ladder for the job to be done.

Stepladders are to be used only on clean and even surfaces.

1. No work is to be done from the top two steps of a stepladder, counting the top platform as a rung.
2. When in the open position ready for use, the incline in the front step section shall be one (1) horizontal to six (6) vertical.
3. The stepladder is only to be used in the fully opened position with the spreader bars locked.
4. Tops of stepladders are not to be used as a support for scaffolds.
5. Don't overreach while on the ladder. Climb down and move the ladder over to a new position.
6. Only CSA Standard ladders will be used.

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