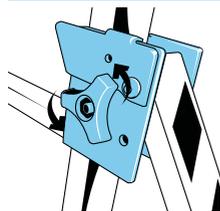
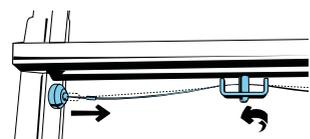


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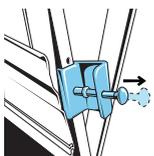
ALWAYS CHECK THAT THE STEPS ARE FULLY EXTENDED AND LOCKED BEFORE USE, NEVER USE THEM PARTLY OPEN.

ADJUSTING THE HEIGHT

1. Unlock the Stabilisers by loosening the knobs.
2. Ensure that the Stabilisers are free to move.
3. The spring Locking Bolts are operated by a cable and lever.
4. Release the bolts by turning the lever.



5. Slide the two sections apart.
6. The bolts will locate in the holes automatically.
7. Repeat the operation for the side.
8. Ensure that all Locking Bolts are engaged and located in the correct holes.
9. Reposition the Stabilisers and lock them firmly in place

DISMANTLING PLATFORM STEP

1. Release the bolts for the guardrail.



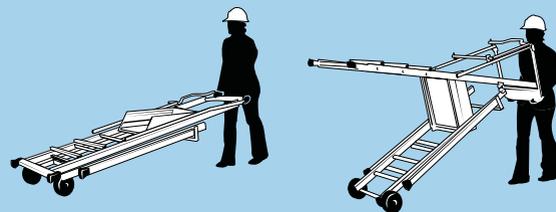
2. Slide the handrail downwards.
3. Open the gate.
4. Unlock the stabilisers.



5. Close the steps by lifting the platform.
6. Close and lock the stabilisers.

MANOEUVRING PLATFORM STEPS

The Platform Step is compact for storage, there are no loose parts.
It is easily manoeuvrable when both folded and erected.

**EQUIPMENT CARE**

Never use the equipment beyond its design limits. If it is not suitable for the job you wish to perform, contact your local HSS Hire Shop for advice.
Keep the equipment clean - you will find this less of a chore if you clean it regularly, rather than wait until the end of the hire period.
Tie the steps in the closed position before transporting them. If transporting on a roof rack, tie down securely.
When not in use, store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe from thieves.

FINISHING OFF

Once you have finished with the steps, fold them and give the unit a final clean, ready for return to your local HSS Hire Shop.

... have you been trained

The law requires that personnel using steps must be competent and qualified to do so. Adjustable Safety Platform Step training available at HSS Training Solutions
0845 766 7799

**...any comments?**

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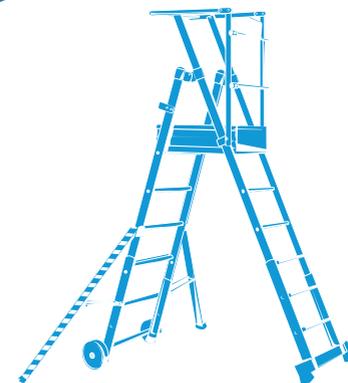
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HSS Hire



Adjustable Safety Platform Steps

Full guardrail protection, allow you to reach height over 4 meters.
Stabilisers that provide you added protection and large wheels that allow the steps to be easily moved into the required position.



GENERAL SAFETY

For advice on the safety and suitability of this equipment contact your local HSS Hire Shop.

There is a serious risk of personal injury if you do not follow all instructions laid down in this guide.

The hirer has a responsibility to ensure that all necessary risk assessments have been completed prior to the use of this equipment.

This equipment should only be used by an operator who has been deemed competent to do so by his/her employer.

This equipment should be used by an able bodied, competent adult who has read and understood these instructions. Anyone with either a temporary or permanent disability, should seek expert advice before using it.

Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area. Cordon off a NO GO area using either cones, barriers or tape, available for hire from your local HSS Hire Shop.

  Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

  Wear practical, protective clothing, and a hard hat. Avoid loose garments and jewellery that could get in the way, tie back long hair.

The HSS Adjustable Safety Platform Steps have a class 1 duty rating. Designed for a maximum user weight (including tools) of 150Kg.

Never let more than one person onto the steps at any time.

Don't attempt to use access equipment unless you feel comfortable working at heights.

Never use step ladders unless there is someone close by to summon help in the event of accident.

Never carry equipment while climbing unless you can do so leaving your hands free, by carrying the equipment in a shoulder bag. Climb first then haul the equipment up after you on a rope.

Never use this equipment near over-head or wall mounted power cables and similar hazards.

Platform Steps should not be used when working with electrical installations, HSS have a range of glass-fibre platform steps designed for that purpose.

Never use the steps in very windy or blustery conditions. Note that the steps are not designed to provide access for heavy maintenance work. Never use them as a heavy work platform.

Never attempt to work on an item which is positioned above your shoulder level.

Never lean from the steps and never allow the item you are holding to be held outside the confines of the steps foot print area.

Don't try to work on an item if you can't reach it without leaning out from the steps, for safety sake MOVE THE STEPS closer.

Never do anything that involves applying a lot of side force. The steps could topple over.

Never use the steps in the closed position acting as a ladder or a ramp with boards, the feet will not grip the floor.

Ensure the work area is well lit and ventilated, if in doubt, ask about lighting and ventilation equipment at your local HSS Hire Shop.

Make sure that everyone is warned of what you are doing.

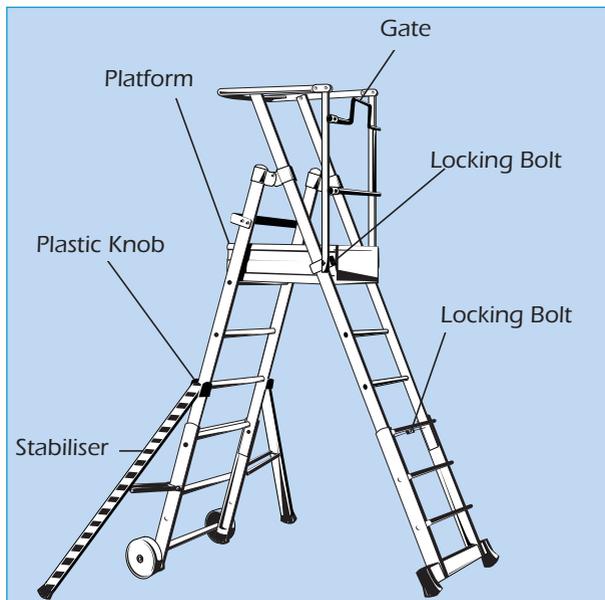
Check the condition of the equipment before use. If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear, return it to your local HSS Hire Shop.

GETTING STARTED

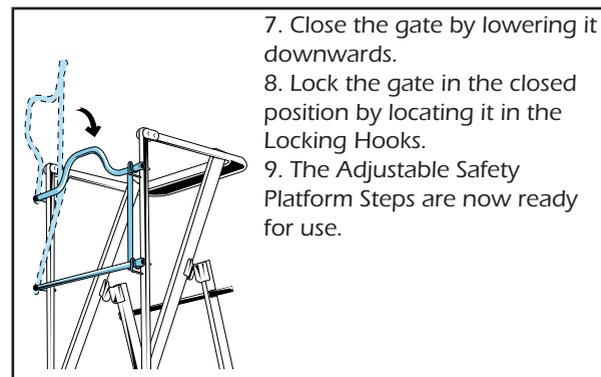
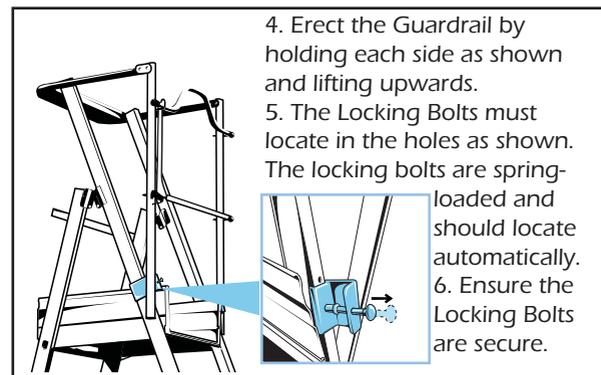
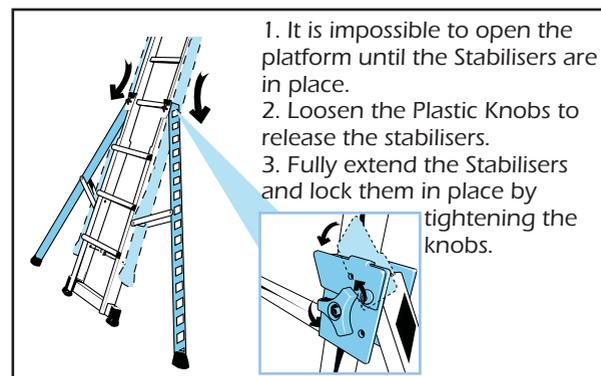
Always set the steps up on a smooth, level, non-slip surface.

The steps are designed for use on a smooth screeded concrete floor, the type usually found in warehouses and cannot be used on any other type of surface.

Setting up requires a minimum of two people working as a team.



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTION



BASIC TECHNIQUES

Always set the steps up on a firm, level, non-slip surface. On soft ground, stand the steps on boards to stop it sinking in.

Always climb on the outer face never on the underside. Keep your feet in the middle of the rung/steps and climb gripping the side firmly with both hands. When moving to a new site, close the steps and carry them with care.