



10 Years of Safer Climbing.

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Stepstool Safety Basics

Stay safe every time you climb.

A stepstool is a portable, self-supporting climbing device 36 inches or less in height. Unlike a stepladder, a stepstool is designed for standing on the top step or platform. Stepstools are commonly used in homes and workplaces for tasks like reaching shelves, changing lightbulbs, or hanging decorations.

Inspect Before You Step

Always check your stepstool before use. Damage can occur during transport or storage. Look for:

- No missing, loose, damaged, corroded, or excessively worn parts
- Hinges and locks that work smoothly and lock securely
- No damaged, missing, or worn feet
- Clean and dry climbing surfaces
- All warning labels present and legible
- All packaging and promotional materials removed

If the stepstool fails any inspection, remove it from service immediately until repaired or properly disposed.

Set Up Safely – Use Responsibly

Follow these guidelines every time:

- Read and follow all safety labels and manufacturer instructions.
- Never use if impaired by age, health, alcohol, or drugs.
- Use only on a firm, level, non-slip surface.
- Ensure the stepstool is fully open and locked before use.
- Wear slip-resistant footwear.
- Never stand on a project tray or other accessories.
- Don't overreach – keep your body centered for balance.
- Choose a stepstool with the correct duty rating:

Duty Rating	Maximum Load
Type IAA	375 lbs.
Type IA	300 lbs.
Type I	250 lbs.
Type II	225 lbs.
Type III	200 lbs.

- Slow down—rushing leads to mistakes.



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