

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF LADDERS

**All ETU members should ensure that prior to using a ladder, they inspect the ladder to ensure that it is safe to be used.**

The inspection should check to see if there is any visible damage (cracked or bent) to the stiles or treads. Whether the stays are missing or damaged, the ladder is missing supports, pop rivets or bolts, or that the feet of the ladder are severely worn or missing.

Under no circumstances should the employees attempt to carry out the rectification themselves, or to use a ladder where the manufacturer or the manufacturers nominated service agents have not carried out rectification.

Any ladder, which is found to be in an unsafe condition should be removed from service immediately, and taken to the employers designated area. This will ensure that the ladder can not be returned until the ladder has been rectified to the manufacturer's specifications. The authorised agent is to provide documentation to confirm the ladder has been repaired and is now compliant with Australian Standards.

All ladders are required to comply with the requirements of Australian Standards 1892 series. AS/NZS 1892.5 Section 4.1 requires, under no circumstances shall any temporary repairs be made to any ladder.

