



Safety First

Step Stool Safety – Step stools lend a helping hand in reaching places that are otherwise just out of reach, but they can be dangerous if not used properly. Knowing the risks step stools pose and using them safely will greatly reduce the chance of accident or injury. When using a step stool, be sure that you step up and down slowly. Be sure to keep your weight and the weight of objects in the center of the step stool. Leaning over while on a step stool puts you at risk for losing your balance and falling. Likewise, don't use a step stool that is too short for the task at hand. Standing on your tip-toes, leaning and stretching your arms out are all risky maneuvers, as they can knock you off-balance. And remember, an upturned wastepaper basket is not a step stool. Always use the proper equipment.