

TRAILER STAIRS SAFETY

Actsafes's Toolbox Talks are intended as an informational resource for employers and supervisors to use to deliver a safety talk on a specific subject. A toolbox talk can be an effective way of refreshing workers' knowledge of safe work procedures and sharing information with more experienced workers.

Trailer Stairs Safety

Access to and from hair and makeup trailers, AD Rooms, washrooms and dressing rooms generally require the use of temporary stairs attached to the exterior of the trailer. Improperly attached stairs, improper footwear, slippery conditions, distractions and rushing can all lead to serious injuries such as slips trips and falls when climbing or descending these stairs. It's important to always avoid distractions while walking on the stairs, stairway landing, or using a door that leads to or from a stairway.

The following are some suggestions to avoid slips, trips and falls on trailer stairs:



- Ensure the stairway is properly setup with handrails attached when required.

- If the stairs do not reach the ground, ensure a properly constructed step is used to fill the gap. Do not use an apple box!



- Always use handrails when ascending or descending any stairways, and ensure you always have at least one hand holding onto the railing when using the stairs.

- Focus on the stairs, not conversations or other distractions that may be present. Never read papers or text on your cellphone while using stairs.
- Always look straight ahead when using stairs and only take one step at a time.
- Be extremely cautious when it is raining or snowing. Ensure you wear the right footwear for the conditions and for the job.
- At the Hair and Makeup trailer, **always knock on the door** before stepping up on the stairs. Eyeliners or hot appliances might be in the process of being used on a performer, and the movement from someone stepping on the stairs could cause an injury.
- Get help when carrying items up or down the stairs.
- Never run up or down the stairs
- Never use stairways or landings as a storage place, even temporarily.
- Inspect stairways for irregularities such as loose handrails, corrosion, holes, grease, and loose anti slip tapes.
- Report any staircase issues to your supervisor.

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