

## Absolute shocker of the week

16<sup>th</sup> April 2014



### Fright of stairs

This week's Absolute shocker illustrates a common problem for many contractors; how to safely work at height while on stairs.

It looks like these workers have put themselves at high risk by using whatever step ladders and materials they have found in their vehicles or around site.

There are many safer alternatives to this flimsy setup, including:

- properly building a scaffold from the landing to the balcony
- working from a boom lift
- using a scissor lift with an extending deck.

Falls from height continue to be the biggest killer of construction workers so **never** take short cuts with height safety.

[Click here](#) for more information on working at heights.

Absolute shocker of the week is published by WorkSafe Victoria to promote safer work practices in construction, utilities, mining and quarrying. It may be freely copied for such purposes.

For more information, go to [worksafe.vic.gov.au](http://worksafe.vic.gov.au)