

## Risk Assessment Operating camera on ladderpod mount

The people that might be harmed: Studioworks employees, contractors, public, artists

HAZARD	CONTROL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual handling injury – they can be heavy and awkward to erect and position</li> <li>• Trapping injury – fingers and hands can get caught in the sliding section</li> <li>• Falls from height - you could fall from one if you lose your balance / footing,</li> <li>• Collapses or overturns, or if it is struck (e.g. by a vehicle)</li> <li>• Struck by falling objects – items may fall from the ladder pod or it could collapse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through risk assessment decide whether a ladder pod is the most suitable means of working/ filming at height.</li> <li>• Ladder pods need to be supervised by a competent person – they should know how to safely erect it, know its load bearing capability, inspect it before use and supervise those using it.</li> <li>• Those using it need to be fit and well, and must not have a fear of heights.</li> <li>• Locate ladder pods away from pedestrian or vehicular routes, or other obstructions.</li> <li>• Minimise the distance of carry - move it in sections rather than as a complete structure.</li> <li>• At least three fit and strong persons will be needed to erect, move and dismantle it.</li> <li>• Whilst they can stand on uneven ground, they must be stable and the top plate level.</li> <li>• Once erected, ensure safety ties and locks are in place to prevent collapse.</li> <li>• Those climbing the ladder pod are to wear sturdy footwear with good grips</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Items which could fall should be secured in zipped pockets, bags or be tethered</li><li>• Raise and lower equipment on to the ladder pod by passing it from hand to hand – all should maintain 3 points of contact at all times.</li><li>• Except for those needing to 'foot' the ladder pod, maintain an exclusion zone around the base of the ladder pod.</li><li>• Sound/ vision cables should be managed to prevent them being snagged/ pulled</li><li>• Once persons are aloft, the ladder pod must not be adjusted or moved</li><li>• Minimise length of time spent aloft - ideally this should not be more than 30 minutes at a time.</li><li>• Do not tie onto the ladder pod - should it fall/ collapse, it is best to be thrown or jump clear.</li><li>• Avoid using the ladder pod in high winds or particularly wet/ cold conditions.</li></ul>
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