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### AS/NZS

1892 Portable ladders

1892.1 Part 1: Metal

### AS

1892.2 Part 2: Timber

### AS/NZS

1892.3 Part 3: Reinforced plastic

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE**

This Standard sets out the minimum recommended safe practices and requirements for the selection, use and maintenance of portable ladders.

The requirements of this Standard need not apply where recognized safe work procedures are in place.

**1.2 OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Standard is to provide users of portable ladders with means of minimizing the risks to the health and safety of users and others working with or otherwise near portable ladders.

**1.3 APPLICATION**

The general principles recommended for the selection, use and maintenance of portable ladders are given in Section 2. Specific requirements unique to a ladder predominantly constructed from a particular material are given in a Section appropriate to the material, as follows:

- (a) Metal—Section 3.
- (b) Reinforced plastic—Section 4.
- (c) Timber—Section 5.

**1.4 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

**AS**

- 1892 Portable ladders
- 1892.2 Part 2: Timber

**AS/NZS**

- 1892 Portable ladders
- 1892.1 Part 1: Metal
- 1892.3 Part 3: Reinforced plastic

**NZS**

- 3609 Specification of timber ladders