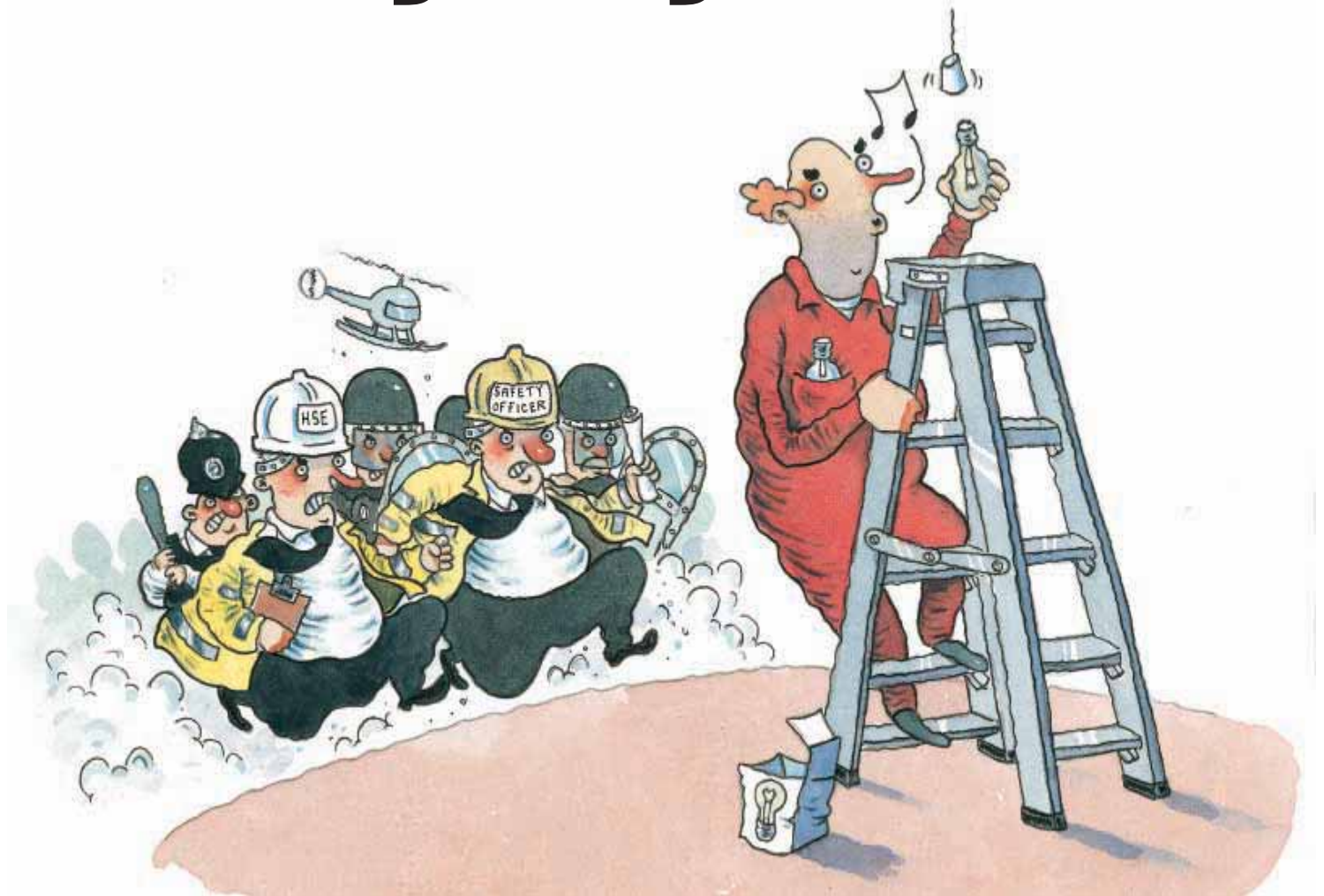


Great health and safety myths



The myth HSE has banned stepladders

The reality We have not banned stepladders - nor have we banned ladders! Despite this, the allegation is regularly repeated and some firms have fallen for the myth and acted upon it.

For straightforward, short-duration work stepladders and ladders can be a good option, but you wouldn't want to be wobbling about on them doing complex tasks for long periods. A large number of workers are seriously injured or killed using ladders and stepladders each year. So:

Yes - we want people to use the right equipment for the job. Yes - there are some common-sense rules for using them safely. But no - we have not banned them!