When operating the Stira please be aware of your surroundings to ensure the Stira can open freely without obstruction. This includes ensuring no doors or other obstacles may prevent the Stira opening normally.

**Keep others safe!**

- Before opening the stairs ensure no one is standing under the opening as they may be hit by the stairs as it is opening.

- While opening the stairs ensure the operator has ample room to operate the stairs. Ensure no one is standing behind the operator as the operator of the Stira may need to step back to make room for the ladder to unfold.

- While using the Stira ensure the pole or remote is kept safe. The Stira should never be closed while someone is in the attic. Closing the Stira while someone is in the attic causes a serious safety concern as the person in the attic is trapped in the event of an emergency.

**Safe operation guide**

- When opening the Stira trapdoor stand in front, (manual stairs) use the supplied pole and free hand to guide the stairs open and shut. Do not let the stairs fall open or slam shut as this could not only damage the stairs but also the ceiling. (remote control Stira) stand clear and allow the Stira to complete its cycle. Do not touch or help the Stira open as this could either cause damage or uncalibrate the stairs closed position.

- Never take your eyes off the stairs while it is being operated! While the stairs is being opened the operator should always watch the stairs and its surroundings to prevent accidents. IE: Even using the remote option, someone could walk out of a room and not notice the stairs opening causing them to hit their heads walking past the operating stairs. It is the operator's duty to keep others safe while the stairs is in use.
Safe use of the Stira

• When climbing up and down the ladder use the handrails if they are available,
• If handrails are not available hold onto the side of the ladder or steps of the ladder.
• Only carry objects that can be handled in one hand so you have a hand free to maintain balance.
• Larger objects should be moved using two people.
• Always face the ladder when climbing up into the attic or coming down from the attic. Facing the ladder gives the best foothold and makes it easier to hold onto the ladder or handrails.
• When in the attic always be aware of the trapdoor opening.
• Do not hold onto metal arms when using the Stira as it could result in damaging the arm preventing the Stira from closing.

Additional Safety measures

• Keep a working light in the attic. This can be achieved using battery operated lights to avoid wiring.
• Keep the area around the trapdoor opening in the attic clean and clear so there are no obstructions around the stira which could either prevent the operator from entering the attic or could fall onto the Stira obstructing it’s operation.
• Use handrails. Stira have a range of safety railings to aid entering and exiting the attic.
• Never allow children or someone who has not read the safety and operational instructions for the Stira to operate the Stira.

If at any time you experience any problems with your Stira folding attic stairs please don’t hesitate to contact us for help or advice. You can contact our office on 00353 9338055, our email address is enquiry@stira.ie if you are based in the UK the contact details for your local agent can be found at http://www.stira.com/frontpage/uk-distributors.html.

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