Ladder Safety Inspection Checklist

Date: Time: Inspector: Ladder Location:

Ladder Type: Size: Color/Other Features:

General (all ladders)	Needs repair	Pass	Date repaired	Notes
Tight/secure rungs and rear supports (not loose)?				
Uprights, rear supports, and rungs in good condition (not cracked, split, bent, dented, broken, or worn)?				
No loose or missing nails, screws, bolts, or other hardware? Rivets not sheared?				
No nails, screws, splinters sticking out or sharp edges, burrs present?				
Non-slip material on feet in good condition (not damaged or worn)?				
Free of slippery material on the rungs, feet, or uprights?				
Stepladders				
Steady (not wobbly) once fully erected and spreaders in place?				
Hinge spreaders present and in good condition (not loose, bent, broken, etc.)?				
Stop on hinge spreader in good condition?				
Angle brace is present and secure on bottom step?				
Extension ladders				
Extension locks present and in good condition (not loose, bent, broken, etc.)?				
Locks seat properly while extended and pulley operates smoothly?				
Rope in good condition (not rotted, worn, torn)?				

NOTE: This can be used to document an inspection or as a guideline during pre-use inspections for injury prevention. Ladders should be inspected, maintained, and stored according to manufacturer's instructions.

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