



5 LADDER SAFETY INSPECTION TIPS

Ladder safety is often taken for granted. Yet, according to OSHA, falls from portable ladders (step, straight, combination and extension) are one of the leading causes of workplace injuries and fatalities.

It's important to inspect a ladder before taking that first step. Here are 5 Ladder Safety Inspection Tips:

1	Overall appearance. Make sure the ladder and metal parts are in good working condition and are free of breaks, cracks, dents, sharp edges and splinters.
2	Locking devices should be operable and attached at all points, not bent.
3	Manufacturer labels need to be visible. If labels are missing, take the ladder out of service and request new labels from the manufacturer.
4	Safety feet are often overlooked but result in unstable and unsafe surfaces if not replaced. Be sure safety feet are not missing or damaged.
5	Steps, rungs and side rails should not be slippery, bent, loose, or cracked

If a ladder does not pass the safety inspection, your company should have a policy that every defective ladder is tagged and taken out of service immediately. Employees should not put back, try to repair or take-home defective ladders.

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