Ladder Pre-Use Inspection Checklist

US general industry 1910.23(b)(9), construction 1926.1053(b)(15)

Company: _____ **Ladder Type:** ☐ Step ☐ Extension ☐ Fixed

Date: _____ **Inspector:** _____

Inspect before use (company rule: every use; general industry: before first use each shift; construction: a competent person also inspects periodically and after any incident). A ladder that fails any item is tagged DO NOT USE and removed. Never repair a ladder in the field.

Inspection Item	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes
Side rails straight - no cracks, bends or splits	☐	☐	☐	
Rungs and steps tight, none missing, free of oil and mud	☐	☐	☐	
Feet and pads present and working	☐	☐	☐	
Locks, spreaders and hardware lock fully	☐	☐	☐	
Ropes and pulleys sound (extension ladders)	☐	☐	☐	
Labels readable; duty rating covers the worker plus tools and materials	☐	☐	☐	
Fibreglass rails not blooming (white fibres showing)	☐	☐	☐	
Near electrical work: a non-conductive ladder is used (OSHA 1910.333(c)(7))	☐	☐	☐	
Stepladder: fully open, spreaders locked; no one stands on the top cap or top step	☐	☐	☐	
Extension ladder: set about 4:1, extends 3 ft above the landing, secured top and bottom	☐	☐	☐	

Result: ☐ Safe to use ☐ Tagged DO NOT USE and removed

Inspector Signature: _____ Date: _____

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