

How To Inspect Your Ladder Before Use

Toolbox Talk 

An uneven surface or damaged ladder could put you on the sidelines for weeks – even months. Inspect your ladder prior to use to ensure your safety at work and home.

Ladder Inspection

Inspect your ladder before you use it.

Note its intended use and weight capacity.

Note the surface and ensure you can secure the feet of an extension ladder.

Determine whether the ladder is at the height needed to perform your task safely.

What to Look For

- Structural damage such as split or bent side rails
- Missing safety devices or broken rungs or steps
- Grease, dirt or other substances that could cause slips or falls
- Paint, tape or stickers, except warning labels, that could hide defects or capacity info



If Your Ladder is Damaged

DO NOT USE IT. Not even for just a few seconds.

Mark it with the correct tag and place it out of service.

To get your task done, choose or select a ladder that's in good shape. You'll get things done faster in the long run if you're healthy.

Activity

Inspect the ladders you'll be using on the job that day as a group.

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