

Job Made Ladder Safety Checklist

Workers who use job-made wooden ladders risk permanent injury or death from falls and electrocutions. These hazards can be eliminated or substantially reduced by following good safety practices. OSHA's requirements for job-made ladders are in Subpart X—Stairways and Ladders of OSHA's Construction standards.

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1. Was the ladder constructed using construction grade lumber?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
2. Is the ladder no longer than 24 feet, excluding the side rail extension above the landing?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
3. Do side rails extend 36" to 42" above the landing?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
4. Are side rails are constructed with 2x6" lumber and are a continuous piece?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments

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5. Are rungs constructed with 1x4" or 2x4" construction grade lumber?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
6. Is the width of the rungs at least 16 inches, but not more than 20 inches?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
7. Are 2x2 in. pieces of lumber used between rungs as fillers?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
8. Are cleats equally spaced 12 inches on center from the top of one cleat to the top of the next cleat?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
9. Is the ladder free of damage, grease, paint or any other substance that would prevent safe use?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
10. As with all ladders, is inspection for damage conducted frequently and regularly?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
11. Is the ladder's base on a flat surface and secured properly?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments

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12. Are ladder surfaces smoothed to reduce injuries to workers from punctures or lacerations and to prevent snagging of clothing?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
13. Are areas at the top and bottom of ladder maintained and free of debris?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
14. Do workers climb the ladder safely, using three points of contact and refraining from carrying heavy loads up and down the ladder?	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
15. Do you need to create a hazard or observation related to this inspection? (Describe in comments.)	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
16. Write Comments or Remarks here:				

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