Ladder Safety Inspection Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide while completing pre-use inspections to help prevent incidents that could result in injury.

General (all ladders)	Needs repair	Pass	Date repaired	Notes
Loose steps or rungs (considered loose if they can be moved at all with the hand)?				
Broken, split, or worn steps?				
Loose or missing nails, screws, bolts, or other hardware?				
Cracked, spilt, bent, or broken uprights, braces, or rungs?				
Damaged or worn non-slip feet?				
Free of slippery material on the rungs, steps, or feet?				
Step ladders				
Wobbly once fully erected and spreaders in place?				
Loose, bent, or missing hinge spreaders?				
Stop on hinge spreaders broken?				
Extension ladders				
Loose, broken, or missing extension locks?				
Defective locks that do not seat properly while extended?				
Worn or rotted rope?				

NOTE: This is just a guideline. Ladders should be inspected, maintained, and stored according to manufacturer's instructions.

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