

WEEKLY SAFETY TOPICS

LADDER SAFETY

INSPECTION



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Ladders are tools. Like all tools and equipment they need maintenance and care. Ladder inspection is one way to ensure your ladders are in good condition and safe to use when you need them. A competent person must visually inspect stepladders for visible defects on a periodic basis and after any occurrence that could affect their safe use. Ladder users should also inspect their ladders before each use and take a closer look each month.

WHAT TO DO

Below are things you should be checking as part of your ladder inspection. Longer forms and log stickers are available from EH&S. Note monthly checks on the log sticker.

	YES	NO
Labels:		
Missing, painted, torn, not readable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steps:		
Loose, cracked, bent, missing, oily/slipper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rails:		
Cracked, Bent, Broken, Slit, Frayed, sun damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Top Cap:		
Cracked, loose, missing, broken	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pail Shelf		
Loose, missing, bent, broken	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spreaders:		
Loose, bent, detached, broken	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Platform (if applicable)		
Loose, bent, cracked, slippery, bent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General		
Rust, corrosion, sun damage, delamination, painted, missing rivets, missing feet, loose joints, will not sit level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



OUR STRATEGY

At UCR, ladder inspection needs to be part of every job where ladders are used. If a ladder is damaged, do not use it. Contact your supervisor and label the ladder with a sign saying "DO NOT USE". Find a ladder that is in good condition before starting your tasks. All damaged ladders need to be repaired as soon as possible or replaced. If ladders have damaged or missing labels, order new ones from the manufacturer and replace them.

