

Fixed Ladder Inspection & Evaluation

Agency Name _____

Fixed ladders must be inspected regularly and as necessary, and maintained in a safe condition. Annual inspections are sufficient for many fixed ladders, though conditions may require more frequent inspections.

Effective November 2018,

- OSHA requires new or replacement fixed ladders over 24 feet long must be provided with a Ladder Safety System
- Existing fixed ladders over 24 feet above a lower level must be provided with a cage, well, personal fall protection system or Ladder Safety System
 - By 2036, all fixed ladders over 24 feet must be provided with a personal fall protection or a ladder safety system.

Inspector:	Inspection Date:
Location Surveyed:	Ladder Identifier: #
Total length of ladder: feet inches	Date ladder installed:
Recommended Inspection Frequency: (Based on environmental conditions & situational use)	Date Ladder Safety System installed:
500# Drop Test results on file: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (initial and subsequent periodic retesting)	
Fall protection currently provided by <input type="checkbox"/> Cage / Well <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fall Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Ladder Safety System <input type="checkbox"/> None	
Ladder & Landing Inspection	
Ladder material: <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum	Is ladder painted / treated: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are rungs slip resistant, evenly spaced, level, and in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is there clearance (min. 7") behind and to the sides of the ladder for hands and feet?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the ladder extend 3 feet above top landing or provide handholds at top?	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is access to the ladder restricted by locked security gate or perimeter fence?	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is there at least 30" clearance from rungs to cage or well? (minimum 24" clearance for a spot obstruction. Deflection plate required.)	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is anchor point for the ladder personal fall protection rated for 5,000 lb.?	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are landing platforms properly provided, secure and in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Cage & Well Inspection	
Is the bottom of the cage 7 - 8 feet above the grade or landing?	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
For through-ladders, rungs are omitted from extension & side rails are 24-30" wide?	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the well hatch cover opens with sufficient clearance to access ladder?	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Corrective Action Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/> No action needed at time of this inspection	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanding <input type="checkbox"/> painting of <input type="checkbox"/> ladder <input type="checkbox"/> cage is needed. Ladder is structurally sound and firmly mounted.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The following in-house repairs are needed (continue on rear of page if needed):	
<input type="checkbox"/> The ladder should be evaluated by a qualified ladder contractor. Describe concern(s) on rear of page.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The ladder should be upgraded / replaced. Fixed ladders without personal fall protection or Ladder Safety System must be upgraded by 2036. Describe concern(s) on rear of page.	