

Safety Inspection Checklist – Fixed Ladders *(Note: checklist applies to standard fixed ladders, and NOT to specialty fixed ladders such as on towers and in man-holes . . .)*

Yes	No	N/A	INSPECTION ITEM	COMMENTS
			Are all fixed ladder rungs, steps, and cleats <u>uniformly</u> spaced between 10 inches and 14 inches apart, as measured between the centerlines of the rungs, cleats, and steps?	
			Do all fixed ladder rungs, steps, and cleats have a minimum clear width of 16 inches between the two side rails?	
			Are all fixed ladder rungs, steps, and cleats manufactured or treated to be slip-resistant, as well as free from slippery materials such as grease or oil?	
			Is the minimum perpendicular distance from the centerline of the ladder rungs, steps, and cleats to the nearest permanent object in back of the ladder at least seven (7) inches?	
			Do the side rails of through or side-step ladders extend at least 42 inches above the top of the access level or landing platform (or top of uncut parapet) served by the fixed ladder?	
			On through ladders (where the steps or rungs are omitted from the extensions), are the side rails flared to provide at least 24 inches and not more than 30 inches of clearance (or no more than 36 inches for ladders with a ladder safety system installed)?	
			Is the step-across distance from the centerline of the rungs or steps of through ladders at least seven (7) inches and not more than 12 inches to the nearest edge of the structure, building, or equipment accessed from the ladder?	
			Is the step-across distance from the centerline of the rungs or steps of side-step ladders at least 15 inches and not more than 20 inches to the access points of the platform edge?	
			Are fixed ladders that exceed 24 feet above a lower level equipped with a personal fall arrest system, ladder safety system, cage, or well? <small>(note: cages not allowed on fixed ladders installed after 11/18/18)</small>	
			Are metal and wood fixed ladders that are exposed to moisture and other harsh environments treated to prevent corrosion or decay?	
			Is the fixed ladder (and any safety system) firmly attached to its supporting structure, and free from any damage that could affect its structural integrity and/or cause injury to the user?	
			OTHER OBSERVATIONS:	

Name of Company / Organization: _____

Area, Department, or Job Site Inspected: _____

Name of Inspector: _____

Date of Inspection: _____