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Fixed Ladders

Instructions: This checklist is intended to help you identify potential hazards in your workplace. The questions are based on applicable Federal OSHA standards. Keep in mind that additional state and local regulations may apply, depending upon your location. Please check one answer for each question. If you select “no,” you should investigate further to determine what corrective action may be needed to address the hazard. You can review the specific OSHA Standards outlined below at www.osha.gov/law-regs.html. Choose “General Industry” or “Construction.”

	Questions	OSHA Regulation	Yes	No	N/A
	Fixed Ladders				
1)	Are all ladders inspected regularly and maintained in a safe condition?	1910.27(f)			
2)	Are metal ladders painted or treated to protect them from corrosion and rusting when location demands?	1910.27(b)(7)(i)			
3)	Are the rungs of ladders designed so that the foot cannot slip off the end?	1910.27(b)(1)(v)			
4)	Are the rungs of metal ladders at least three-fourths inch in diameter?	1910.27(b)(1)(i)			
5)	Are the rungs of wood ladders at least 1-1/8 inches in diameter?	1910.27(b)(1)(i)			
6)	Are the rungs, cleats, and steps free of splinters, sharp edges, burrs, or other projections that are hazards?	1910.27(b)(1)(iv)			
7)	Are the side rails of ladders extended at least 3-1/2 feet above the landing?	1910.27(d)(3)			
8)	Are wood ladders treated with a nonirritating preservative when used under conditions that may cause decay?	1910.27(b)(7)(ii)			
9)	Do side rails that might be used as a climbing aid provide adequate gripping surface without sharp edges, splinters, or burrs?	1910.27(b)(2)			

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10)	Is the distance between rungs 12 inches or less and uniform throughout the length of the ladder?	1910.27(b)(1)(ii)			
11)	Is the distance from the centerline of the grab bar to the nearest permanent object behind the grab bar at least 4 inches?	1910.27(c)(5)			
12)	Is the distance from the centerline of the rung, cleat, or step to the nearest permanent object behind the ladder at least	1910.27(c)(4)			
13)	Is the minimum clear length of rungs or cleats at least 16 inches?	1910.27(b)(1)(iii)			
14)	Is the step-across distance from the nearest edge of the ladder to the nearest edge of the equipment or structure not more than 12 inches and not less than 2-1/2 inches?	1910.27(c)(6)			

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