

Project Location: _____

Date of Inspection: _____

Conducted By: _____

This checklist covers regulations issued by OSHA under the construction standards 29 CFR 1926.1050 to 1926.1060. It applies to portable ladders used at temporary worksites associated with construction, alteration, demolition or repair work including painting and decorating.

Guidelines	YES	NO
Are ladders or stairways provided at all points of access that are elevated 19 inches or more, and no ramp, runway, sloped embankment or personnel hoist is provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can ladders support the load they are expected to carry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are ladder rungs, cleats and steps parallel, level and uniformly spaced when the ladder is in position for use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the rungs and steps of portable metal ladders corrugated, knurled, dimpled, coated with skid-resistant material or otherwise treated to minimize slipping?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are ladders prohibited from being tied or fastened together to provide longer sections (unless they are designed for such use)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is a metal spreader or locking device provided on each stepladder to hold the front and back sections in an open position when the ladder is being used?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are ladders surfaced to prevent injury from punctures or lacerations and to prevent snagging of clothing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any opaque covering, except for warning labels that are placed on only one face of a side rail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do portable ladders extend at least 3 feet above the upper landing surface for which the ladder is used to gain access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the ladder set up at the right angle? (1 foot back for every four feet in height)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the safety feet or other auxiliary equipment kept in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any missing steps, rungs or cleats, broken side rails or other faulty equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are rungs free of grease and oil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the ladder (a) placed to prevent slipping, (b) lashed or (c) held in position?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is only one person allowed on the ladder at a time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the use of the tops of stepladders as steps prohibited?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the splicing of short ladders together prohibited?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the use of the ladder in the horizontal position?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the ladder equipped with nonslip bases where a hazard of slipping exists?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the ladder maintained in good usable condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an inspection been conducted to determine whether metal ladders might contact energized conductors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are ladders always placed on stable bases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

