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DOC-LDR-FV · Ladders Field Verification Checklist

Product Overview

For: Businesses whose workers use single, extension, step and platform ladders: owners, supervisors, WHS advisers and workplace assessors

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SAMPLE

An editable supervisor's checklist that checks, on site, that the controls for ladders are in place and working.

The supervisor looks at each control working, not at its paperwork, and marks each check Pass, Not met or N/A, with the evidence seen. ★ marks the critical controls, and a critical control that is Not met is escalated the same shift. The checklist also has questions for the people doing the work, an actions table with owners and due dates, a summary and sign-off.

It is the same checklist as in the Ladder Safety & Competency Pack (DOC-LDR-PACK), word for word. The Ladders VOC Assessment Template (DOC-LDR-VOC) and the Ladders Safe Work Instruction Template (DOC-LDR-SWI) are also sold on their own. The Ladder Safety & Competency Pack (DOC-LDR-PACK) contains them all: the safe work instruction, the ladder pre-use checklist, the VOC and the field verification, with a setup guide.

A document is not a control. Choosing a safer way to work at height first, the right ladder in good order, a sound set-up, three points of contact and the competent worker are the controls. These documents describe them, check them, and record that they are working. A control must change the risk, and someone must be able to check it.

These documents support your business to manage risk and meet its WHS or OHS duties. They do not do that on their own. They are general templates: adapt them to your equipment, your site and your people, consult your workers, and check that the controls they describe are in place and working.

What is included

Item	File
Supervisor field verification checklist: ladder selection, set-up and angle, three points of contact, inspection and tagging out	02_FIELD_VERIFICATION/Supervisor Field Verification Checklist.docx and .pdf
Setup note: what to adapt before use, and every placeholder	01_START_HERE/Setup Note.pdf
Start here: Read Me First, Product Overview, Permitted Use Terms, Version Information	01_START_HERE/ (four PDFs)

Who it is for

- Businesses whose workers use single, extension, step and platform ladders
- Supervisors and managers who check that controls are working, on a set schedule and after a change or incident
- WHS advisers setting up consistent critical control verification across sites

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Supervisor Field Verification Checklist

Ladders: selection, set-up and angle, three points of contact, inspection and tagging out

Site		**Areas checked**	
Date and time		**Shift**	
Verified by		**Ladders checked (IDs)**	

How to verify

- Visit the area while ladder use is under way. Look at each control working, not at its paperwork.
- Mark each check Pass, Not met or N/A. Pass means you saw the control in place and working. If you did not see it, it is not a Pass.
- Write what you saw in the evidence column: a location, a photo reference, a record you sampled.
- Talk to the people doing the work, using the questions after the checks. They know where the near misses are.
- Record every Not met in the actions table, with an owner and a due date. Fix what you can on the spot, and record that too.

Escalate now

If a ★ critical control is Not met, act before you leave the area. Stop or restrict the ladder use there until it is fixed or another control is in place, and tell **[Escalation contact]** the same shift. A failed critical control is a high potential incident: report it as one.

Checks

★ marks a critical control: one whose failure could let a worker fall from a ladder or be shocked. Delete checks that do not apply, and add your own.

No.	Look for (★ critical control)	Pass	Not met	N/A	What you saw (evidence)
Selection					
1	Ladders are used only for short, light work or access; the right type, length and rating ★	☐	☐	☐	
Set-up and angle					
2	Ladders are on firm, level footing, at about a 4 to 1 slope, secured or footed; stepladders fully open ★	☐	☐	☐	
Three points of contact					
3	Workers keep three points of contact and do not overreach or stand above the marked level ★	☐	☐	☐	
Inspection and tagging out					
4	Ladders sampled are in good order; damaged ladders are tagged out of use ★	☐	☐	☐	
5	Non-conductive ladders are used near electricity ★	☐	☐	☐	

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