

LADDER INSPECTION NEWS

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The Advantage of quality ladder Inspections

In our industry, being proactive is vital when it comes to maintaining ladders in a safe condition. Doing so, can bring peace of mind and reduce liability for manufacturers, companies, and individuals. What are some ways we can encourage the end user to properly inspect ladders before use? Through education and training. Individuals, employees, and technicians who use ladders on a daily basis may have been trained to use a ladder properly, depending on the application of the climbing equipment. However, that does not mean they were fully trained and educated on how to properly inspect a ladder before use for their own benefit. *Some questions to ponder over:* Does the technician or ladder user know what can happen to a ladder once it has been dropped, and what areas of the ladder could have been damaged? What happens when a ladder has been exposed to the sun, UV rays, and the environment for an extended period of time? How do you test a ladder to make sure that it is safe and the insulated qualities and integrity of the ladder is still within specification? Also, what damage can happen to ladders after being transported on top of work vehicles, and ladder racks? Knowing the answers to these questions puts ladder users in a better position to avoid getting injured while using an unsafe ladder. Also, it will aid in removing or condemning damaged and defective ladders out of an organization's inventory, that could potentially cause or contribute to ladder accidents.

