



# 10 Years of Safer Climbing.

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## Inspection and Maintenance

Ladders are useful tools that, when used properly, serve as a safety system for climbing. However, working at an elevated height presents additional risks, so it's essential to properly inspect and maintain your ladder.

**Here are a few reminders of what you should be addressing:**

### Safety Information

- Always verify that all safety information labels are fully attached and are legible.
  - Labels which are not fully attached, missing, or not legible can lead to misuse of the ladder, resulting in serious injury or death.
  - Understanding of the ladder duty rating and ensuring duty rating is clearly visible on the ladder will avoid issues caused by overloading the ladder.

### Inspection Detail

- Thoroughly inspect the ladder to ensure it is in good working condition by checking the following areas of the ladder when purchased and prior to each use.
  - Locks and spreader braces
  - Steps and rungs
  - Rails
  - Connections and fasteners
  - Ropes and pulleys
  - Feet, Safety shoes and other safety equipment
    1. Ensure foot pads are in good condition and secure.
    2. Worn or missing foot pads can cause the ladder to be unstable or slip out of position, both of which can result in serious injury or death.
- If a potential hazard is found, contact the manufacturer for replacement parts.
- Always use manufacturer approved replacement components and follow instructions provided.
- Never attempt to fix the ladder with unapproved components or methods.
- Where replacement components are not available, the ladder shall be destroyed.



### Proper Care

Maintain your ladder in a safe condition and maximize its lifespan by observing the following:

- Regularly lubricate the ladder's moving parts.
- Keep the ladder clean.
- Firmly support the ladder during transport and storage to avoid excessive wear and loading at support points.
- Protect ladders from impact, excessive heat, and corrosive materials.
- Do not use a ladder as a storage shelf.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions on cleaning and lubricating.



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