



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Inspect Your Ladders Safety Message

Ladders need to be inspected by a qualified person for visible defects before each use. While in use, a ladder may go through conditions that may impact its integrity. A ladder with compromised integrity will not be safe for use.

Employees should conduct inspections for general ladder safety for all portable ladder types by checking the followings:

- Ladders should not have any damage, lack of structural integrity, missing components or loose parts.
- The steps or rungs must be tight and secure to the side rails.
- All hardware and fittings need to be properly and securely attached.
- Movable parts must be tested to make sure that they operate without binding or without too much free play.
- All labels should be intact and readable.
- Ladders need to be free of oil, grease, and slippery materials.
- A ladder that has been exposed to fire or strong chemicals should be discarded.
- All accessories such as leg levelers, paint shelves, stand-off shelves, etc., must be in good condition.
- The ladder base must be placed on a secure and level footing. When necessary, ladder levelers should be used to achieve equal rail support on uneven surfaces.
- The ladder base must have slip-resistant material.