



Ladder safety inspections

Keep it simple with a ladder audit by Workplace Wing

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Ladders of all shapes and sizes, portable and fixed, are in the regulator's spotlight after new regulations and a national code of practice mandated regular inspections in line with Australian Standards. Keep it simple with a ladder audit by Workplace Wing.

Case study: Concrete, cranes and compliance

High above sites buzzing with dozens of concrete trucks, steel access ladders on Excel Concrete silos came under the spotlight during a ladder safety audit by Workplace Group of Companies.

The audit revealed Holcim subsidiary Excel could lift safety standards with a shift from vertical ladders to those with a 75-degree gradient, uniform rung spacings and flatter, more comfortable treads. Eleven ladders were identified for replacement.

Up to 8 metres in length, the steel ladders were so heavy that cranes were needed to carry out the demolition. Careful scheduling and some unusual working hours saw the project completed without affecting the operation of the site.

Result: Reduced liability, conformance with Australian Standards and easier access to plant for staff members and contractors – all without site disruption.

Workplace Group of Companies are experts in the design, specification, fabrication and construction of access equipment for working at heights.



What the law says

The national fall prevention regulations and Code of Practice for Managing The Risk Of Falls At Workplaces mandate the regular inspection of ladders. Fixed ladders must comply with AS1657, while portable ladders must meet the requirements of AS/NZS 1892.

The requirements are in tandem with those of the Work Health and Safety Act for Persons Conducting a Business Undertaking (PCBU) and company officers to carry out "due diligence" and ensure workplaces are safe.



Proof of your compliance

Whenever your risk management systems come under scrutiny, you'll be prepared. Certified ladders are tagged on site. Workplace Wings's auditors photograph and catalogue the status of each ladder using PDAs to build an electronic database that makes compliance reporting effortless. You can even log into your asset register online for fast, accurate real-time reporting.

A 36-point check

Among the most common reasons for non-conformance are the placement of the top rung and the clearances behind and in front of the rungs. Among the checks we'll make for you are:

- > installation clearance
- > damage, wear and tear
- > fixings and dimensional check to AS1657
- > suitability for use

Making existing ladders safe

Ask Workplace Wing to assess whether your ladder lines to reduce the risk of falls. Our height safety experts will explain the impact on risk, usability and compliance.

They will also produce a plain English report setting out and prioritising what needs to be done to make your ladders safe and compliant.

National service for consistent compliance

Workplace Wing services sites right around Australia, so you can standardise – and simplify – your safety management.

A prioritised and practical plan

Based on the risk assessment, Workplace Wing will detail a step-by-step plan towards fall prevention compliance.

A risk matrix illustrates the areas of highest priority to make planning simple.

And because our auditors are both trade and OHS-qualified, we deliver recommendations that are dedicated to reducing risk and yet intensely practical.

Budget costings

Every recommendation by Workplace Wing is costed specifically for your site to assist with budgeting.

Systematic and cost-effective

Because fall prevention is Workplace Wing's specialty, your ladder inspection will be conducted with efficiency and care.

Workplace Wing: OHS purity and real practicality.