

MAIN POINTS TO LOOK FOR WHEN INSPECTING WORKING AT HEIGHT EQUIPMENT

General

Unstable

Missing feet or end caps

Loose or missing rungs or steps

Makeshift repairs

Loose or bent bolts, nails, rivets, screws or other metal parts

Cracked, split, very worn or broken stiles, braces, steps or rungs

Slivers on stiles, rungs or steps

Damaged or worn non-slip bases or hinged feet

Twisted or distorted stiles

No tag attached

Identification mark illegible

Stepladders

Unstable

Missing feet or end caps

Loose or bent hinge spreaders

Stop on hinge spreader broken

Broken, split or worn steps

Loose hinges

Worn, broken or missing cords

Extension Ladders

Unstable

Missing feet or end caps

Loose, broken or missing extension locks

Defective locks which do not seal properly

Rusted or corroded metal parts

Worn or broken cords

Podiums

Unstable

Missing, damaged castors/braking mechanism

Loose hinges

Defective hinge spreaders

Worn or broken cords

Kickstools

Unstable

Loose or bent bolts, nails, rivets, screws or other metal parts

Missing, damaged castors/braking mechanism

Loose hinges

Missing rubber mats, rubber ring

DEFECTIVE WORKING AT HEIGHT EQUIPMENT MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF USE IMMEDIATELY AND THE LADDER TAG REMOVED EXPOSING THE 'OUT OF USE' TAG.