Chapter 15: Ladder and Scaffold Safety

Quick Start Summary

1 Who needs to know about these requirements

The requirements of Ladder and Scaffold Safety apply to workers using any type of ladder – fixed (permanently attached), portable, mobile ladder stand, or mobile ladder platform – or scaffold, and their supervisors, line management, ladder and scaffold custodians, scaffold qualified persons, scaffold erectors/dismantlers, the ladder and scaffold safety program manager, and Facilities and Operations and Purchasing.

2 Why

Using a defective or damaged ladder or scaffold or using it incorrectly can lead to falls and injuries.

3 What do I need to know

- Every ladder, regardless of type, must be inspected before each use. Any ladder found to be defective must be tagged, removed from service, and repaired or destroyed.
- All fixed ladders must be tagged: red, do not use; green, no additional requirements; yellow, additional information/requirements on or attached to the tag. Defective fixed ladders must be reported to the program manager. New fixed ladders are subject to Building Inspection Office review.
- Scaffold use must be reviewed by a scaffold qualified person, who will approve purchase and rental, supervise erecting and dismantling, and perform the required inspections, maintaining an inspection tag on each scaffold.
- Scaffolds may only be assembled and disassembled by designated erectors and dismantlers and used by workers trained and authorized per the requirements in this chapter. Workers must inspect the scaffold before using.

4 When

These requirements take effect 29 June 2022.

5 Where do I find more information

SLAC Environment, Safety, and Health Manual (SLAC-I-720-0A29Z-001)
- Chapter 15, “Ladder and Scaffold Safety”

Or contact the program manager.