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## PORTABLE LADDER TEST

A ladder is a vertical or inclined set of steps. There are two types of ladders: rigid ladders that can be leaned against a vertical surface such as a wall. And rope ladders that are hung from the top. Rigid ladders are usually portable and those are the kind of ladders that ASE tests. There are however rigid ladders that are permanent and they are often used at building sites.

In the U.K a third of all reported fall from height incidents involved ladders, this is 14 deaths and 1200 major injuries on average each year. Many of these injuries are caused by inappropriate or incorrect use of the ladder. That is why it is important that all ladders are to made sure they are safe and easy to use. It is also important that a domestic ladder isn't used in a industrial environment and for the user to check the safety instructions on the ladder before use.



A thorough ladder inspection shall be made by the user before use. The main thing that should be looked at is that the ladder is in sound physical condition, all bolts and other components are present and firmly secured, ropes are in good condition and steps and rungs provide secure footing to safeguard against slipping.

*At ASE we perform all of these inspections but in a more thorough way to make sure the ladder is in good condition and wont hurt your employers.*