Ladders: Portable

Are all ladders in good condition, joints between steps and side rails tight, all hardware and fittings securely attached, and moveable parts operating freely without binding or undue play?

Are there non-slip safety feet on all ladders except step ladders?

Are ladder rungs and steps free of grease and oil?

Are employees prohibited from placing a ladder in front of doors opening toward the ladder except when the door is blocked open, locked, or guarded?

Are employees prohibited from placing ladders on boxes, barrels, or other unstable bases?

Are employees instructed to face the ladder when ascending and descending?

Are employees prohibited from using ladders that are broken, missing steps, rungs, cleats, broken side rails, or other faulty parts?

Are employees instructed not to use the top step of ordinary stepladders as a step?

When portable rung ladders are used to gain access to elevated platforms, roofs, and the like, does the ladder always extend at least three feet above the elevated surface?

Do you require the users of portable rung or cleat-type ladders to place the base so that slipping will not occur or to lash or otherwise hold the ladder in place?

Do portable metal ladders have legible signs reading “CAUTION — Do Not Use Around Electrical Equipment” or equivalent wording?

Are the rungs of ladders uniformly spaced at 12 inches, center to center?