



### **LADDER POLICY**

It shall be the duty of the person, applicant or their representative requesting the inspection required by the code to provide safe and full access to and the means of inspection of the work.

#### **Ladders shall be capable of supporting the following loads without failure:**

- Ladders that are provided for the purpose of making inspections of the work shall be rated a minimum of "Heavy Duty IA type with a working load of 250 pounds", and shall be constructed as a "rigid" type ladder only. No telescoping or folding type ladders will be accepted.
- The ladder shall be in place upon the inspectors arrival and shall be secured using approved ladder stability equipment that is compliant with OSHA regulation 1926.1053(b) (l), which states, "... the ladder shall be secured at its top to a rigid support that will not deflect." Ladder stability equipment ensures that the ladder will not fall or move and can be found at fall protection web sites.
- When portable ladders are used for access to an upper landing surface, the ladder side rails shall extend at least 3 feet above the upper landing surface to which the ladder is used to gain access
- In no case shall the extension be such that ladder deflection under a load would, by itself, cause the ladder to slip off its support.
- Non-self-supporting ladders shall be used at an angle such that the horizontal distance from the top support to the foot of the ladder is approximately one-quarter of the working length of the ladder. (1 foot horizontally for every 4 feet vertically).
- Ladders shall be maintained free of oil, grease, and other slipping hazards.
- Ladders shall be inspected by a competent person for visible defects on a periodic basis and after any occurrence that could affect their safe use. Damaged ladders will not be accepted as an accessible means.
- Portable ladders with structural defects shall be immediately marked in a manner that readily identifies them as defective, or be tagged with "Do Not Use" or similar language, and shall be withdrawn from service until properly repaired.

NOTE: City inspector shall have the right to refuse inspection if the following guidelines are Not met.