

# Ladder safety inspections

Keep it simple with a ladder audit by Workplace Access & Safety

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Ladders of all shapes and sizes, portable and fixed, are in the regulator's spotlight after new regulations and a national code of practice mandated regular inspections in line with Australian Standards. Keep it simple with a ladder audit by Workplace Access & Safety.

## Case study:

## Concrete, cranes and compliance

High above sites buzzing with dozens of concrete trucks, steel access ladders on Excel Concrete silos came under the spotlight during a ladder safety audit by Workplace Access & Safety.

The audit revealed Holcim subsidiary Excel could lift safety standards with a shift from vertical ladders to those with a 75-degree gradient, uniform rung spacings and flatter, more comfortable treads. Eleven ladders were identified for replacement.

Up to 8 metres in length, the steel ladders were so heavy that cranes were needed to carry out the demolition. Careful scheduling and some unusual working hours saw the project completed without affecting the operation of the site.

Result: Reduced liability, conformance with Australian Standards and easier access to plant for staff members and contractors – all without site disruption.

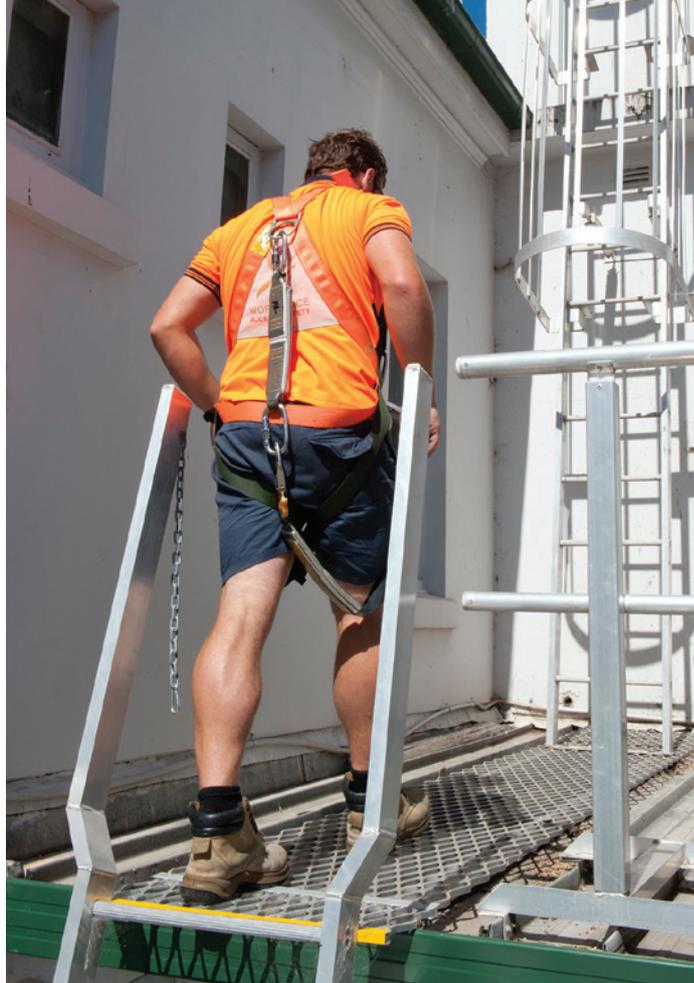
Workplace Access & Safety are experts in the design, specification, fabrication and construction of access equipment for working at heights.



### What the law says

The national fall prevention regulations and Code of Practice for Managing The Risk Of Falls At Workplaces mandate the regular inspection of ladders. Fixed ladders must comply with AS1657, while portable ladders must meet the requirements of AS/NZS 1892.

The requirements are in tandem with those of the Work Health and Safety Act for Persons Conducting a Business Undertaking (PCBU) and company officers to carry out "due diligence" and ensure workplaces are safe.



### Proof of your compliance

Whenever your risk management systems come under scrutiny, you'll be prepared. Certified ladders are tagged on site. Workplace Access & Safety's auditors photograph and catalogue the status of each ladder using PDAs to build an electronic database that makes compliance reporting effortless. You can even log into your asset register online for fast, accurate real-time reporting.

### A 36-point check

Among the most common reasons for non-conformance are the placement of the top rung and the clearances behind and in front of the rungs. Among the checks we'll make for you are:

- > installation clearance
- > damage, wear and tear
- > fixings and dimensional check to AS1657
- > suitability for use

### Making existing ladders safe

Ask Workplace Access & Safety to assess whether your ladder lines to reduce the risk of falls. Our height safety experts will explain the impact on risk, usability and compliance.

They will also produce a plain English report setting out and prioritising what needs to be done to make your ladders safe and compliant.

### National service for consistent compliance

Workplace Access & Safety services sites right around Australia, so you can standardise – and simplify – your safety management.

### A prioritised and practical plan

Based on the risk assessment, Workplace Access & Safety will detail a step-by-step plan towards fall prevention compliance.

A risk matrix illustrates the areas of highest priority to make planning simple.

And because our auditors are both trade and OHS-qualified, we deliver recommendations that are dedicated to reducing risk and yet intensely practical.

### Budget costings

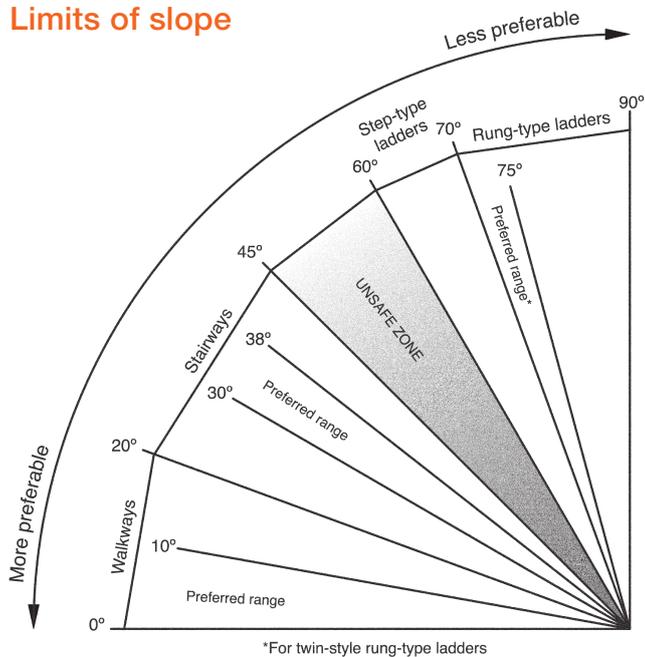
Every recommendation by Workplace Access & Safety is costed specifically for your site to assist with budgeting.

### Systematic and cost-effective

Because fall prevention is Workplace Access & Safety's specialty, your ladder inspection will be conducted with efficiency and care.

Workplace Access & Safety: OHS purity and real practicality.

## Limits of slope



## Some of our many customers



## Quality Assurance ISO



### AS 1657 Product Certification

AS 1657 equipment (guardrail, staircases, ladders, platforms and walkways) is independently certified to Australian standard by SAI Global, and products are individually labelled with the "5 tick" certification. It provides you with third party assurance that our product meets the product standard, guaranteeing you with reliability, quality assurance and safety.

AS 1657  
Approved



### AS 4801 Occupational Health and Safety

Just like you do, we care about the safety of our people and OHS is more than skin deep at Workplace Access & Safety. Be confident your fall prevention installation is compliant and low-risk, with our systematic and professional OHS procedures.

Health & Safety  
AS 4801



### ISO 9001 Quality

ISO 9001 is by far the world's most established quality framework, currently being used by over 750,000 organisations in 161 countries. This is the standard that underpins Workplace Access & Safety's performance.

Quality  
ISO 9001



### ISO 14001 Environment

International Standard ISO 14001 is the basis of Workplace Access & Safety's Environmental Management System (EMS), so you can be sure your fall prevention equipment is green and safe.

Environment  
ISO 14001



### NATA™ Accredited Inspections & Testing

Workplace Access & Safety have been accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) to perform fall prevention inspections on Fall arrest systems; Anchorages and holding points; and Ladders.



### CodeMark - BCA approval

The CodeMark scheme assures you of compliance with the BCA (Building Code of Australia) and that our products meet the National Construction Code.

You're invited to check the details of Workplace Access & Safety's credentials – all verified by SAI Global – any time. Workplace Access & Safety is dedicated to safety and making your business compliance easier

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