

## CHECKLIST FOR INSPECTING LADDER BEFORE USE

- ☐ Check rails for cracks, checks, bends, or defects.
- ☐ Check for broken or missing rungs.
- ☐ Check the braces.
- ☐ Step ladder – make sure the ladder is fully open and the spreaders are locked.
- ☐ Are the feet worn or broken?
- ☐ Is the base of the ladder placed on a solid surface?
- ☐ Look for anchor points at the top and bottom of the ladder.
- ☐ Look at where the top of the ladder is resting.
- ☐ What is above where you are working? Are there any hazards (e.g., overhead electrical wires) set?
- ☐ Check for other work being performed near you.
- ☐ If repaired, make sure it has been repaired and restored to its original design specifications.
- ☐ Before moving a ladder, check for material or tools left on the ladder.

The ladder checklist is taken from SafeManitoba <http://safemanitoba.com/sites/default/files/uploads/bulletins/bltn177.pdf>