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# LADDER REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING INSPECTION



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**California Building Code - Section 110.5: Inspection requests.** ...It shall be the duty of the permit holder to provide access to and means for inspections of such work that are required by this code.

A ladder must be on the jobsite for the Building Inspector's use. The ladder must be setup to meet the following minimum standards.

- The ladder shall meet OSHA Standards and be rated a minimum 250lbs.
- Find a level, hard, slip resistant spot on the ground free of debris to set the ladder feet on.
- The ladder shall extend no less than 36 inches above the edge of the roof at the point providing access **and secured (tied off)**.
- Place the feet of the ladder at a distance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  the height of the ladder away from the building. In other words, if the ladder is 8 feet tall, place the bottom of the ladder 2 feet away from the building. If the ladder is 12 feet tall, place the bottom 3 feet from the building.
- If you have a gutter, slip a 2 x 4 into it to keep it from being crushed by the ladder.

The inspector will need to access the roof for the following inspections:

- After removal of built-up roofing for the deck inspection.
- After new plywood or OSB sheathing is installed for the nailing inspection.
- After the project is complete for the final inspection.
- Any roof mounted equipment associated with the permit (i.e. HVAC or Photovoltaic).

**Note:** Inspectors will not walk on tile roof coverings or pitches exceeding 5/12. Ladders are still required for access to the roof edge for these inspections.

**If a ladder is not provided or if the ladder does not meet the minimum requirements listed above, the inspection will be canceled. If a second inspection request is canceled for lack of access, a reinspection fee will be issued.**

