

WAC 296-876-70010 Inspection and repair. (1) You must keep ladders in safe condition.

(2) You must have a competent person inspect a ladder for visual defects:

(a) Periodically; and

(b) After any occurrence that could affect safe use.

(3) You must make sure any ladder with structural damage or other hazardous defect is immediately removed from service.

Notes:

1. Structural damage includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

a. Broken or missing rungs, cleats, or steps.

b. Broken or split rails.

c. Corroded components.

d. Bolts and welds missing or not secure.

2. A ladder is considered to be removed from service if any of the following are done:

a. It is marked to identify it as defective.

b. It is tagged with "do not use" or similar language.

c. It is blocked so that it cannot be used, for example, by using a plywood attachment that spans several rungs.

(4) You must make sure repairs restore the ladder to a condition meeting its original design criteria.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 14-09-095, § 296-876-70010, filed 4/22/14, effective 7/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060. WSR 06-16-020, § 296-876-70010, filed 7/24/06, effective 12/1/06.]