

Construction safety inspection checklist

A safety walk that produces a photograph and an owner is a safety programme. One that produces a signed sheet in a binder is paperwork. This list is organised by hazard category so a finding can be trended across weeks and jobs.

Who runs it: Site safety lead or superintendent, weekly, with the affected trade foreman present. When: Weekly at minimum, plus after any incident, near miss or significant change in the work.

Fall protection

- ☐ Leading edges, openings and shafts protected
Guardrails complete, covers secured and marked, nothing removed and left open. 3 photos required
- ☐ Personal fall arrest in use where required
Anchor points rated and used correctly, harnesses inspected and in date. 2 photos required
- ☐ Roof and elevated work areas controlled
Warning lines, monitors or rails in place per the plan for that area. 2 photos required

Access and equipment

- ☐ Ladders correct type, condition and angle, and secured
No damaged rails or rungs; extension above the landing where required. 2 photos required
- ☐ Scaffold erected, inspected and tagged
Current tag visible, planking complete, base plates and mudsills present. 2 photos required
- ☐ Aerial lifts and equipment inspected and operated by trained users
Daily inspection completed, no bypassed controls, guards in place. 2 photos required

Electrical and hazards

- ☐ Temporary power protected and cords undamaged
GFCI in use, cords out of walkways and standing water, no missing plates. 2 photos required
- ☐ Hot work permits, fire watch and extinguishers in place
Permit posted, watch present, extinguisher within reach and current. 2 photos required
- ☐ Hazardous materials stored, labelled and documented
Containers labelled, safety data available on site, secondary containment where needed. 2 photos required

People and housekeeping

- ☐ PPE appropriate to the work being done
Eye, head, hand and foot protection matched to the task, not the gate rule. 2 photos required
- ☐ Walkways, stairs and egress clear
Nothing stored in exit paths or on stair landings. 2 photos required
- ☐ Previous findings closed with a correction photo
Last week's open items reviewed on this week's walk and closed with evidence. 2 photos required