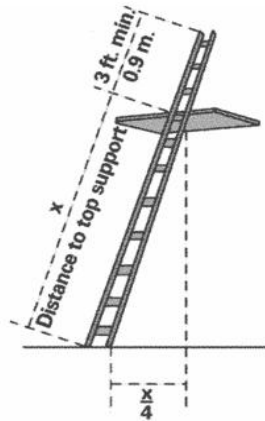


California Building Code - Section 110.5: Inspection requests. ...It shall be the duty of the permit holder to provide access to and means for inspections of such work that are required by this code.

A ladder shall be on the job site for the Building Inspector's use. The ladder shall be set up prior to the inspector's arrival and meet the following minimum standards:

- The ladder shall meet OSHA Standards and be rated for a minimum of 250lbs.
- The ladder shall be placed on a level, hard, slip resistant surface that is free of debris.
- The ladder shall extend no less than 36 inches above the edge of the point providing access and shall be secure.
- The ladder feet shall be set at $\frac{1}{4}$ the height of the ladder away from the building. (i.e., 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. etc.)



- If placed at a gutter, a 2x4 or other form of protection should be installed to keep the gutter from being crushed by the ladder.

A ladder shall be provided for, but is not limited to, the following inspections:

- After removal of built-up roofing for the deck inspection.
- After new roof sheathing is installed for the nailing inspection.
- Roof final inspection.
- Any roof or attic installed equipment (i.e., HVAC or Photovoltaic).

If a ladder is not provided or if the ladder does not meet the minimum requirements listed above, the inspection will be deemed “not ready” and will need to be rescheduled.

Note: Inspectors will not walk on tile roof coverings or pitches exceeding 6/12. Ladders are still required for access to the roof edge for these inspections.

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