

FIRE ESCAPE VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKSHEET

		Yes	No
	From the ground:		
1.	Do you see any obviously broken steps, railings, or supports?		
2.	There should be two "U" bolts attaching the deck to each of the main supports. Are any of these missing?		
3.	Is the firefighter's ladder, or any portion of it, missing?		
4.	The firefighter's ladder should be straight, attached at the balcony decks and balcony handrails, and the overlapping joints should be tight. Are there any visible abnormalities related to the firefighter's ladder?		
5.	If there is a standpipe attached to the fire escape:		
	a. Does it appear to be missing any parts? (valves, handles, caps, supports)		
	b. Are any FDC caps or plugs missing?		
	c. Do the FDC swivels resist turning easily? (you may need to loosen plugs)		
6.	Are there any items sitting on or hanging from the fire escape?		
7.	Is the paint broken or peeling?		
8.	Is there visible rust or corrosion to any structural members of the fire escape?		
	From the Fire Escape Access Points:		
9.	Is access to the fire escape difficult to find? (lack of signs, poor lighting)		
10.	Do the access doors or windows have more than one latching device? (single latch, no key or special knowledge)		
11.	Are the access doors or windows difficult to open or fail to remain open?		
12.	Does the fire escape appear to be unsafe to step onto?		
	From the Fire Escape: (consider starting at the top and working down)		
13.	Are any connections for the ff's ladder broken, rusted, or missing?		
14.	Is the ff's ladder loose or wobbly where it goes to the roof? (bolts, anchors, mortar missing)		
15.	Is the standpipe missing parts or showing signs of damage?		
16.	Is the balcony missing any parts or showing rust/corrosion? (rotted handrail supports, broken or missing bolts or rivets, missing mortar)		
17.	Are there broken or missing steps or handrails going to the next balcony?		
18.	Is there significant rust or corrosion on any of the balcony, stairway, standpipe, counterbalance stair, or ff's ladder?		
19.	Does the counterbalance stair fail to deploy?		
20.	Is the counterbalance stair counterweight in disrepair or showing significant rust or corrosion? (plates spreading apart, broken bolts, additional pieces attached)		
21.	Is the counterbalance stair missing the check-chain and spring?		
22.	Is there an open hole in the lower balcony deck? (Remnant from previous stair?)		

NOTE: Contact a Senior Inspector ASAP for consultation if any of the BOLD inspection points are checked.

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