

Cal/OSHA Access Compliance Checklist

For Industrial Platforms, Stairs, and Access Systems



How to Use This Checklist

Use this checklist to quickly identify potential safety and compliance gaps in your facility.

Based on Cal/OSHA Title 8, California Code of Regulations. Final compliance should be confirmed with a qualified expert.

General Duty Clause

Cal/OSHA Title 8 §3203



- ☐ Walking surfaces stable, secure, and in good repair
- ☐ Areas are clean and hazard-free
- ☐ Adequate lighting is provided
- ☐ Access paths are unobstructed
- ☐ Safe access to all work areas

Platforms & Walkways

Cal/OSHA Title 8 §3273



- ☐ Designed for expected loads
- ☐ Slip-resistant surfaces
- ☐ Guardrails installed
- ☐ Safe access points
- ☐ Toe boards where needed
- ☐ Platforms 30 inches or higher: at least 2 ft wide with 6.5 ft headroom

Stairs

Cal/OSHA Title 8 §1626

(Construction) / §3234 (Industrial)



- ☐ Provided where frequent access is required
- ☐ Uniform step height (max 9.5 in.) and depth (min 9.5 in.)
- ☐ Slip-resistant surfaces
- ☐ Handrails in place
- ☐ Free of damage or obstruction

Fixed Ladders

Cal/OSHA Title 8 §3277



- ☐ Used only when appropriate
- ☐ Securely mounted, if applicable
- ☐ Evenly spaced rungs
- ☐ Proper clearance
- ☐ Safe entry and exit
- ☐ Fall protection required for fixed ladders over 24 feet

Fall Protection & Guardrails

Cal/OSHA Title 8 §1670
(Construction) / §3209 (Guardrails)



- ☐ Fall protection required at 30 inches above lower level (not 4 feet)
- ☐ Fall protection vs fall prevention: understand which applies to your setup
- ☐ Regular inspection and maintenance (fall arrest equipment: twice per year)
- ☐ Guardrails on open sides
- ☐ Proper height (42-45 in., max 1 in. variance), strength, and midrails

Inspection, Maintenance & IIPP

Cal/OSHA Title 8 §3270, §3203



- ☐ Inspections performed, documented, and records retained for at least 1 year
- ☐ Repairs completed promptly
- ☐ Employees trained on hazards, including new hires and when new hazards are introduced
- ☐ Written IIPP in place – includes responsible person and employee hazard communication system
- ☐ Injury and illness investigation procedure in place and documented

Work Area Conditions

Cal/OSHA Title 8 §3273



- ☐ Suitable for environment (wet, chemical, outdoor, or extreme heat/cold)
- ☐ Corrosion-resistant materials where moisture or chemicals are present
- ☐ Weather considerations for outdoor installations
- ☐ Other site-specific hazards identified and addressed

Access Equipment & Safety

Cal/OSHA Title 8, Article 24



- ☐ Equipment safely reachable
- ☐ No unsafe climbing required
- ☐ Adequate working space
- ☐ Supports maintenance tasks
- ☐ Emergency access considered

Quick Self-Assessment

If any items are unchecked:

- ⚠ You may have safety risks
- ⚠ You may have compliance gaps
- ⚠ You may have opportunities to improve

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