



Inspection Times

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ASK THE INSPECTOR...

Question:

We're planning to put up Christmas lights and decorations this year at our new home, but this means climbing up an old ladder that we haven't used in years. How can we make sure that it is still safe?

Answer:

Every year many professionals and homeowners alike are injured using ladders. While proper use of the ladder is critical, so is the condition of the ladder. Unsafe ladders put everyone at risk – the user and bystanders. Before climbing onto a ladder, give it a quick inspection:

- Are the bolts still tight?
- Are steps missing?
- Does it wobble?
- Are all of the pieces, braces, etc., in place?
- Is there tread on the steps or are the steps slippery?

Any of these problems mean it's time for a new one. Further, if the ladder is very old, it may not be able to hold the weight it originally could.

Is it the right ladder for the job? Each type of ladder has its own uses and safety guidelines.

Don't use a step ladder as you would an extension ladder, leaning it against a wall. Never climb above the second-to-last rung. If the ladder isn't tall enough, get another one.

Is the ladder being used properly? For example, an extension ladder needs to be leaning at the proper angle, which is about 15 degrees from the vertical position. The top of the ladder should be firm against a surface. If it isn't, the shifting balance of the climber will move the ladder out of position.

“Green” Christmas Lights?

With energy consciousness and concern about the environment, energy saving Christmas lights have grown in popularity. LED bulbs now provide a “Green” replacement for the older incandescent type bulbs.

Unlike incandescent bulbs, LED bulbs don't get as hot and don't waste energy, using as much as 90% less energy than incandescent bulbs. LED light comes from a light emitting diode and not a glowing element. They don't burn out as easily as incandescent bulbs and, if one bulb is out - the others still work!

In the past LED bulbs could only be found in red or green, but now are available in a variety of colors and styles such as:

- ❖ **Sugarglobe LED Christmas Lights** – look like they are sugar dipped.
- ❖ **Snowflake LED Lights**
- ❖ **Icicle LED Light Sets**

Here are more LED Christmas light benefits!

- Encased in plastic – less breakage.
- Last longer than incandescent bulbs.
- Less likely to overheat.
- Thicker wires - less untangling.



If you have questions about home inspections or home maintenance, Ask the Inspector!

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