

# SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

## Stairs and stairways

- Are handrails, stair rail systems, or guardrail systems present on all stairways having four or more risers?
- Are all stairways at least 22 inches wide?
- Do stairs have at least 6 feet, 8 inches of overhead clearance?
- Do stairs angle no more than 50 degrees and no less than 30 degrees?
- Are risers on stair steps uniform, with no riser more than 9.5 inches?
- Do stair treads have a uniform size, with a depth of no less than 9.5 inches?
- Can each stair can support at least five times the normal anticipated live load, but never less than a concentrated load of 1,000 pounds applied at any point?
- Are stairway handrails 30-38 inches above the leading edge of stair treads?
- Are stair rail systems 30 or 42 inches\* inches above the leading edge of stair treads?  
  
\* Stair rail systems minimum height: installed before Jan. 1, 2018 is 30 inches, installed after Dec. 31, 2017 is 42 inches.
- Do stairway handrails have at least 2.25 inches clearance between the handrail and any other object?
- Are stairway handrails capable of withstanding a load of 200 pounds applied in any direction?
- Where stairs or stairways exit directly into an area where vehicles may be operated, have you provided adequate barriers and warnings to prevent employees from stepping into traffic?