

High-Rise Facade Cleaning Safety Checklist

Site / Project	_____	Address	_____
Inspector name	_____	Company	_____
Date	_____	Time	_____

Documentation aid only. Adapt this resource to the site, manufacturer instructions, and applicable local requirements. It does not replace a competent person, professional judgment, legal advice, or a required statutory form.

Inspection checklist

Davit Arm and Anchor Point Inspection

☐	Is the davit arm certified by a qualified engineer within the last 12 months? (Review certification documentation)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Perform a visual inspection of the davit arm for any signs of corrosion, cracks, or deformation.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify the davit arm's load rating is sufficient for the intended load, including personnel, equipment, and a safety factor of at least 5:1.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Inspect the davit arm's mounting points for secure attachment to the building structure. Check for loose bolts, damaged welds, or compromised structural integrity.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the anchor point certified by a qualified engineer within the last 12 months? (Review certification documentation)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Conduct a visual inspection of the anchor point for any signs of corrosion, cracks, or deformation.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Confirm the anchor point's load rating is sufficient for the intended load, including personnel, equipment, and a safety factor of at least 5:1.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure the anchor point is readily accessible and free from obstructions that could hinder its use.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify the davit arm rotates freely and smoothly without any binding or excessive force.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

☐	Inspect the davit arm's locking mechanism to ensure it securely locks the arm in the desired position.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify the anchor point is located in a position that minimizes swing fall hazards.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Confirm the anchor point is clearly labeled with its load rating and date of last inspection.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Rope Descent System (RDS) Inspection

☐	Inspect the working rope and safety line for cuts, abrasions, fraying, chemical damage, or excessive wear along their entire length.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify the rope diameter meets the manufacturer's specifications and is compatible with the descent control device.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Inspect rope terminations (knots, splices, swaged fittings) for proper construction and security.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Examine the descent control device for proper function, smooth operation, and any signs of damage or wear.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify the backup device (e.g., rope grab) is properly installed and functions correctly, arresting a fall immediately.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Inspect carabiners for proper locking mechanism function, gate closure, and any signs of damage or deformation. Ensure they are auto-locking and double-locking.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Inspect the full-body harness for cuts, abrasions, tears, or chemical damage. Verify proper fit and adjustment.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure rope protectors are in place to prevent abrasion at edges and corners.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify the rope length is sufficient to reach the lowest intended work point with adequate slack.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Confirm proper rope management techniques are in place to prevent entanglement or snagging.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify all components of the RDS are compatible with each other and meet the manufacturer's specifications.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Review the rope log to ensure the rope has not exceeded its service life or been subjected to any damaging events.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Public Protection Measures

☐	Ensure adequate barricades are in place to prevent pedestrian access to the work area below.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify warning signs are prominently displayed to alert pedestrians of overhead work.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Inspect debris netting for proper installation and integrity to prevent falling objects from reaching the ground.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Confirm a designated spotter is in place to monitor the work area and warn pedestrians of potential hazards.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure all tools and equipment are properly tethered to prevent them from falling.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify clear communication protocols are in place between the workers and the spotter.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Define a clear drop zone and ensure all personnel are aware of its boundaries.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Assess wind conditions and suspend operations if winds exceed safe limits (typically 25 mph).	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Review the weather forecast for any potential hazards (e.g., thunderstorms, high winds) and adjust work plans accordingly.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Confirm the emergency plan is in place and all personnel are familiar with its procedures.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure a fully stocked first-aid kit is readily available on site.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Monitor pedestrian traffic flow and adjust barricades or spotter positioning as needed.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

☐	Inspect hard hats for cracks, dents, or other damage. Ensure they meet ANSI Z89.1 standards.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify safety glasses or goggles are worn to protect against debris and chemical splashes. Ensure they meet ANSI Z87.1 standards.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure appropriate gloves are worn to protect against cuts, abrasions, and chemical exposure. Check for tears or punctures.	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____

☐	Verify workers are wearing slip-resistant footwear with ankle support. Check for worn soles or damaged uppers.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Inspect the full-body harness for cuts, abrasions, tears, or chemical damage. Verify proper fit and adjustment.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Inspect the lanyard for cuts, abrasions, or damage to the snap hooks. Ensure it is properly connected to the harness and anchor point.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify all tools are properly tethered to prevent them from falling. Check the tether for damage or wear.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure workers are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions (e.g., rain gear, thermal layers).	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify PPE is clean and properly maintained.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure all PPE fits properly and is comfortable for the worker.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Confirm all workers have been trained on the proper use and maintenance of their PPE.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	If required, ensure appropriate respiratory protection is worn and properly fitted. (e.g., for chemical cleaning).	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Documentation and Training

☐	Verify a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) has been completed and reviewed with all workers.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Confirm a rescue plan is in place and all workers are trained on its procedures.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify a competent person is designated on site to oversee the work and ensure safety compliance.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Review training records to ensure all workers are properly trained in fall protection, rope descent systems, and hazard communication.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Inspect equipment inspection logs to ensure all equipment has been inspected and is in good working order.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are readily available for all chemicals used on site.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify all required permits (e.g., street closure permits) are obtained and displayed.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

☐	Confirm a communication plan is in place to address emergencies and routine communication.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify a site-specific safety plan is in place and addresses the unique hazards of the location.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure an emergency contact list is readily available with phone numbers for emergency services, supervisors, and building management.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Confirm a daily safety briefing is conducted before work begins to review hazards and safety procedures.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Ensure equipment manuals are available on site for reference.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Findings

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Signature

Inspector signature _____

Name _____

Date _____