InspectionReport

Drywall Finishing & Stilts Safety Inspection 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

Pre-Work Site Conditions

☐	Has a thorough floor sweep been completed to remove all debris, tools, and materials from the work area? (Documented floor sweep log available?)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:
☐	Are all open wall cavities and floor holes properly covered or barricaded to prevent accidental falls? (Covers secured and clearly marked?)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:
☐	Is there adequate lighting (minimum 5 foot-candles) throughout the work area to ensure clear visibility and prevent tripping hazards? (Measure light levels with a meter.)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:
☐	Are all pathways and access routes free from obstructions, ensuring safe movement while on stilts? (Minimum 3 feet wide?)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:
☐	Are environmental controls in place to manage dust and debris, such as ventilation or dust collection systems? (Verify system functionality.)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:
☐	Are drywall sheets and other materials properly staged to minimize clutter and potential tripping hazards? (Stacked securely and away from pathways?)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:
☐	Have all electrical cords and equipment been inspected for damage and proper grounding? (No frayed wires or missing ground prongs?)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:

Is the general housekeeping in the area acceptable? (Waste containers available and used?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are fire extinguishers readily accessible and fully charged? (Inspected within the last year?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are emergency exits clearly marked and unobstructed? (Ensure clear egress routes.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	

Drywall Stilts Inspection

Are all stilt straps and buckles in good condition, showing no signs of wear, fraying, or damage? (Replace damaged straps immediately.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Do the stilt springs function smoothly and provide adequate support? (Check for binding or stiffness.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are the footplates securely attached to the stilts and provide a stable platform? (Check for loose screws or bolts.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Does the height adjustment mechanism function properly and lock securely at the desired height? (Test locking mechanism.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is the stilt foot grip in good condition and providing adequate traction? (Clean or replace worn grips.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is the user's weight within the stilt's rated weight capacity? (Verify stilt rating and user weight.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Perform a stability test on the stilts before use. (Walk a short distance and check for wobbling or instability.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is there a maintenance log for the stilts, documenting inspections and repairs? (Review log for recent maintenance.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are all locking pins or mechanisms fully engaged and secured before use? (Double-check all locking points.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are the stilt feet properly aligned and adjusted to the user's foot size? (Ensure a snug and comfortable fit.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Is a hard hat worn at all times in the work area? (ANSI Z89.1 compliant?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	

Is appropriate eye protection (safety glasses or goggles) worn to protect against dust and debris? (ANSI Z87.1 compliant?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is a properly fitted respirator worn during sanding or other dust-generating activities? (NIOSH approved?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are appropriate work boots worn, providing ankle support and slip resistance? (No open-toed shoes or sneakers.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are gloves worn to protect hands from cuts, abrasions, and chemical exposure? (Appropriate for the task?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is high-visibility clothing worn, especially in areas with mobile equipment or limited visibility? (ANSI 107 compliant?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is hearing protection available and used in areas with high noise levels? (Exceeding 85 dBA?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Inspect all PPE for damage or defects before each use. (Replace damaged PPE immediately.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Ensure all PPE fits properly and is comfortable for the user. (Proper sizing and adjustment.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Has each worker received training on the proper use, care, and maintenance of their PPE? (Documented training records?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	

Fall Protection Measures

Are guardrail systems in place around elevated work areas where stilts are used? (42 inches +/- 3 inches high?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
If guardrails are not feasible, are personal fall arrest systems (PFAS) used, including a full-body harness, lanyard, and anchorage point? (Inspected before use?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are anchorage points for PFAS capable of supporting at least 5,000 pounds per employee attached? (Engineered and certified?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is the lanyard length appropriate to prevent contact with lower levels in case of a fall? (Calculate fall distance.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is there sufficient fall clearance below the work area to prevent striking an object or lower level in the event of a fall? (Calculate required clearance.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is there a rescue plan in place in case of a fall while using stilts? (Trained personnel and equipment available?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	

Are safety net systems used where other fall protection measures are not feasible? (Installed and maintained properly?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are warning lines used to delineate areas where fall protection is required? (Placed at least 6 feet from the edge?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are controlled access zones established to limit access to areas where fall hazards exist? (Clearly marked and enforced?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Have all workers received training on fall protection requirements and the proper use of fall protection equipment? (Documented training records?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Inspect the full body harness before each use for any signs of damage, wear, or defects. (Remove from service if damaged.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	

Documentation & Training

Are Safety Data Sheets (SDS) readily available for all chemicals and materials used on site? (Accessible to all employees?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is there a written hazard communication program in place, outlining procedures for handling hazardous materials? (Review program annually?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is a first-aid kit readily available and adequately stocked? (Trained personnel on site?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is emergency contact information posted in a conspicuous location? (Including phone numbers for emergency services and site supervisors?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are regular toolbox talks conducted to address specific safety hazards and reinforce safe work practices? (Documented attendance and topics?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Has a competent person been designated to inspect the job site and identify potential hazards? (Documented qualifications and responsibilities?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Are training records available for all employees who use drywall stilts, demonstrating competency in their safe operation? (Hands-on training and evaluation?)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	
Is there a clear procedure for reporting incidents and near misses? (Encourage reporting without fear of reprisal.)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:	

- [ ] Is there a site-specific safety plan that addresses the unique hazards of the project? (Reviewed and updated regularly?) — Pass / Fail / N/A — Notes: _____

- [ ] Does the Lead Carpenter understand their responsibilities for ensuring site safety and compliance with regulations? (Documented understanding?) — Pass / Fail / N/A — Notes: _____

Findings

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Signature

Inspector signature _____ **Name** _____

Date _____