

Drywall Framing 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

Drywall Panel Lifts & Ergonomics

☐ Is the panel lift's load rating clearly marked and within the safe working load for the drywall sheets being lifted? (Verify against manufacturer's specifications)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Inspect panel lift for any signs of damage (e.g., bent frame, damaged cables, worn wheels). Remove from service if damaged.	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are workers trained on the proper operation of the panel lift, including safe lifting and lowering techniques? (Documented training records required)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is the panel lift being used on a level and stable surface to prevent tipping? (Check for uneven flooring or obstructions)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are lift-assist devices (e.g., suction cups, mechanical grips) provided and used to reduce manual handling of drywall sheets?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are drywall sheets staged close to the work area to minimize carrying distances and awkward postures?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ For heavy or oversized drywall sheets, are team lifting procedures in place and followed to distribute the load?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is there a job rotation schedule to reduce repetitive motions and prevent fatigue among drywall installers?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

☐	Have workers received training on proper lifting techniques, posture, and ergonomic principles to prevent RSIs?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the work height adjusted to minimize bending and reaching during drywall installation?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are anti-fatigue mats provided for workers who stand for extended periods to reduce strain on their feet and legs?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Powder-Actuated Tools (PATs)

☐	Are all PAT operators certified and trained in accordance with ANSI A10.3-2022?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the PAT inspected daily for defects (e.g., broken safety mechanisms, worn parts) before use? (Documented inspection logs required)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are operators and helpers wearing appropriate PPE, including safety glasses, hearing protection, and hard hats?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the PAT equipped with a functional safety mechanism that prevents accidental firing? (Verify proper operation)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is there a written procedure for handling misfires, and are operators trained on it? (Procedure must include waiting period and safe removal of the fastener)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are the correct fasteners and powder loads being used for the base material and application? (Refer to manufacturer's specifications)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are 'no-shoot' zones clearly identified to prevent fasteners from penetrating electrical conduits, plumbing, or other hidden hazards?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the area around the PAT operation clear of bystanders and properly barricaded to prevent injuries from flying debris?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the PAT stored securely when not in use to prevent unauthorized access?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are powder loads stored in a cool, dry place away from heat and ignition sources?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the operator using techniques to minimize the risk of ricochet, such as maintaining a perpendicular angle to the work surface?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Drywall Stilts Safety

☐	Are drywall stilts inspected before each use for any signs of damage (e.g., loose straps, worn footplates, damaged springs)?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Have workers received training on the proper use of drywall stilts, including safe walking, turning, and working techniques?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are stilts being used on a level and clear surface free of obstructions and debris?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are guardrails or other fall protection measures in place when working at heights on stilts?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are all straps and buckles on the stilts in good condition and properly adjusted to ensure a secure fit?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are the footplates on the stilts clean and free of mud, grease, or other slippery substances?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the worker's weight within the stilts' maximum weight capacity? (Check manufacturer's specifications)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are ladders used to access stilted work areas secured and properly positioned?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are stilts being used in suitable weather conditions (e.g., no high winds, rain, or ice)?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the work area free of tripping hazards (e.g., tools, debris, cords) that could cause a fall while using stilts?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is a buddy system in place to provide assistance and support to workers using stilts?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

General Site Conditions

☐	Is the work area kept clean and free of debris, scrap materials, and tripping hazards?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is adequate lighting provided in the work area to ensure safe visibility?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are walking surfaces maintained in a safe condition, free of slip and trip hazards?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are all electrical cords and equipment properly grounded and free of damage?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are fire extinguishers readily accessible and inspected regularly?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

☐	Is a first-aid kit readily available and adequately stocked?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is there a written emergency action plan in place, and are workers familiar with it?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is adequate ventilation provided to prevent the buildup of dust or fumes?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are materials stored in a safe and organized manner to prevent hazards?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are appropriate safety signs and warnings posted in the work area?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Findings

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Signature

Inspector signature _____

Name _____

Date _____