

Besides carrying general liability and workers' compensation insurance, LKAN requires its staff, contractors and volunteers to adhere to the following safety practices whenever conducting facility walk-throughs, assessments and other site visits:

1. Wear sturdy shoes—or, better, safety boots—with closed heels and toe boxes, and a half-inch heel to reduce slipping when climbing on ladders.
2. Scan each space to be assessed upon entry for any potential hazards.
3. Carry protective glasses and wear them whenever around activities capable of producing splintering particles.
4. Wear electrical gloves when opening and inspecting electrical cabinets, and chemical gloves when potentially irritating chemicals are unavoidable.
5. Maintain a safe distance from any equipment with unguarded moving parts, e.g., rotating shafts, belts and gears.
6. Wear a brightly colored safety vest when commingling with automotive traffic (more than, say, crossing a street or parking lot) cannot be avoided.
7. Confirm that on-site staff—especially anyone operating vehicles or heavy equipment nearby—is aware of your presence and avoids putting you in harm's way. Remind them as often as needed, especially after exiting and reentering their workspace.
8. Wear a hard hat whenever near or under movable overhead equipment.
9. Download the “NIOSH SLM Sound Level Meter” app to your mobile phone. Test any noisy spaces you need to assess; wear hearing protection wherever noise exceeds 80 decibels (dB).
10. Inspect ladders for cracks, failing rivets, etc., before using. Avoid painted ladders as paint can mask cracks.
11. If in doubt, stop and consider your actions, if not consult your supervisor.

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