



KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM  
**COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**  
**FIREFIGHTER 1 COMPETENCY EVALUATION**



Objective(s): 5.3.9  Primary Task: Climbs Ground Ladder Candidate # \_\_\_\_\_  
 2002 NFPA 1001 Standard

**Skill No. 5-49 PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MONITOR/EVALUATOR**

1. The candidate shall be provided with a 24 foot extension ladder already raised in place and heeled.
2. The candidate shall be given the instructions below before beginning the task.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE**

**1. "The candidate, provided an extension ladder in place, raised and heeled, shall demonstrate proper climbing of the ladder, to a height of at least 10 feet."**

*Minimum PPE: Full PPE without SCBA.*

**PERFORMANCE**

|   | YES                      | NO                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Checks for proper climbing angle of ladder to be ascended.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Ensures ladder to be ascended is heeled and secure and locks are fully engaged.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Grasps the rungs, with the hands palm down. During the ascent, grasps every rung with alternate hands or grasps alternate rungs. It is acceptable to keep both hands on beams and slide them up the beams during ascent. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Keeps arms straight, body away from ladder and perpendicular to the ground.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Uses legs, doesn't pull up with arms.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Climbs smoothly and rhythmically.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Occasionally glances at tip of ladder  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Reaches instructed height and descends using approved technique.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Reference: IFSTA Essentials 4th Edition, Chapter 9

**TOTALS**

**Critical Step-** Failure on this step mandates failure on task !

**CRITICAL TASK**

CANDIDATE MUST COMPLETE STEPS TOTAL TO PASS SKILL. **6**

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE AN EVALUATOR, NOT A TRAINER OF THE CANDIDATES DO NOT COACH, GRADE ONLY OBSERVED BEHAVIOR.**

TEST DATE \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

EVALUATOR NAME (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

EVALUATOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_