



VALPARAISO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Purpose:

This test meets the requirements stated in Indiana Code 36-8-3.2. This portion of the testing procedure tests for fear of heights (acrophobia).

Instructions:

While wearing a bunker coat and a safety belt attached to a safety line the applicant will climb the aerial ladder until you touch the designated rung. The applicant will then climb down to the base of the ladder.

The applicant will keep his/her hands and feet in contact with the ladder rungs. The applicant will not rest their hands on or use the sides of the aerial device.

Safety:

If at any time during the ladder climb the applicant does not wish to continue, snap the hook from the safety belt to one of the rungs of the ladder. The applicant will be assisted down the ladder.

Ladder setup:

Height: 70 feet/ 35 Feet (inclement weather)

Incline: 70-degree angle

Time limit:

NONE

Scoring:

Pass/Fail

Fail Criteria:

- Not touching the top rung of the ladder
- Skipping any ladder rungs while ascending or descending
- Stopping during the test