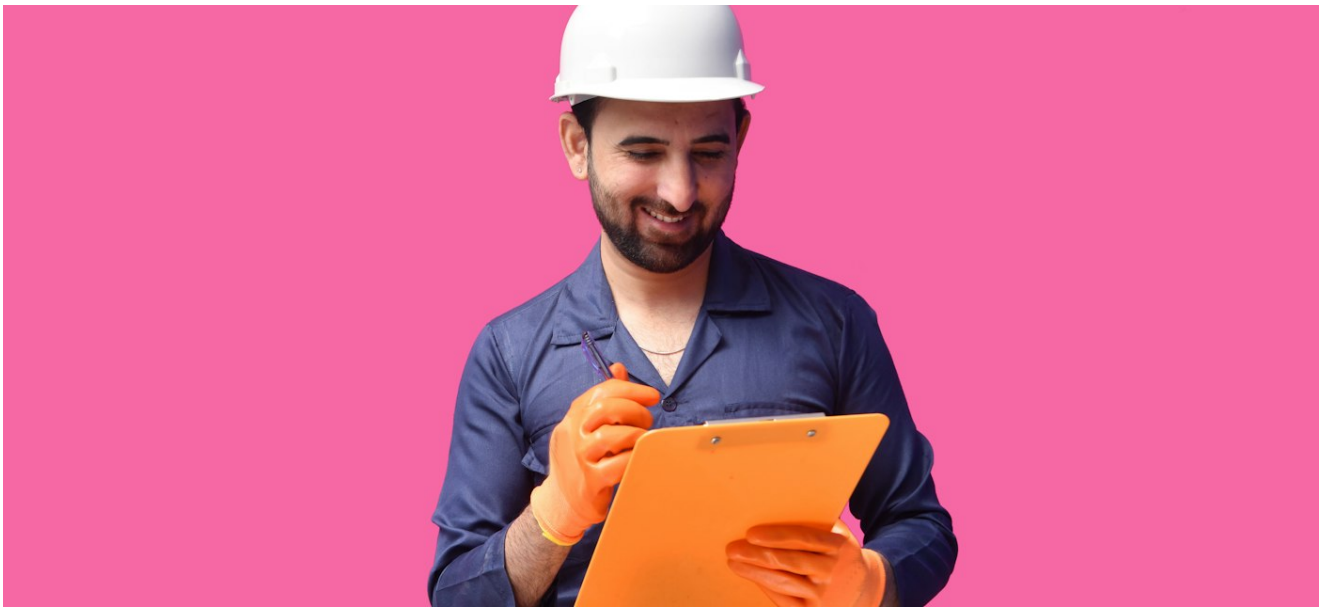
# Tickfield Inspection Checklist review — can a free app make inspection photos hard to dispute?

A free offline inspection app that burns the time, time zone and GPS position into every photo and hashes it with SHA-256. Compared with three real rivals.

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Tickfield Inspection Checklist is a free iPhone and iPad app that walks an inspection through a checklist and hands over a PDF report the same day. It ships 42 ready-made templates, burns the date, time zone and GPS position into every photo, and hashes each image with SHA-256 so a later edit shows up. It works offline, with no account.

*Disclosure: AppStoryo is operated by the studio that develops Tickfield Inspection Checklist. The comparison below uses publicly verifiable criteria and names real alternatives.*

Three things decide whether an inspection record holds up when somebody disputes it: whether the photo is tied to a place and a time, whether the checklist matches the rule, and whether the report reaches the client the same day. Tickfield Inspection Checklist is free on the App Store.

## What does Tickfield Inspection Checklist actually do?

The app covers one job end to end: pick a checklist, walk the site answering Yes, No or N/A, raise findings as you go, then export a PDF. The checklist library holds 42 templates spanning workplace safety, fire safety, vehicles, apartment handover, construction, food hygiene and 5S, each one presented in the app language rather than translated on the fly.

Your own templates use nine question types, with required questions, weighted scoring and

conditional questions that only appear when an earlier answer calls for them. A "No", or a measured value outside the limit you set, raises a finding automatically. Templates are versioned, so editing one never rewrites inspections already completed — the detail that separates a real inspection tool from a form builder.

Version 1.0 arrived on 19 October 2026, weighs 108 MB and needs iOS 15.0 or later, reaching 130 device models, including iPhone generations the alternatives below have dropped.

## How does the proof camera make a photo hard to dispute?

Every photo is stamped in the pixels themselves, not in metadata a copy would lose. The listing describes the order plainly:

> Proof Camera comes first: every photo gets the date, the time with time zone, the GPS position and its accuracy, the project name, your own note and a photo number burned into the pixels.

The untouched original is kept beside the stamped copy, and both files carry a SHA-256 hash. SHA-256 is one of the seven algorithms specified in NIST FIPS 180-4, the Secure Hash Standard, whose digests run from 160 to 512 bits; the standard states that digests exist to detect whether messages have changed since they were generated. Recompute the hash, compare it with the stored one, and an altered pixel shows up.

Why that matters outside a laboratory: under Rule 901(b)(9) of the US Federal Rules of Evidence, one accepted way to authenticate an item is evidence describing a process or system and showing that it produces an accurate result. A stamped photo, a preserved original and a matching hash describe that kind of process. Tickfield Inspection Checklist cannot make a photo admissible by itself; it gives you something to describe.

## Do the 42 built-in checklists match real inspection rules?

Partly, and the honest answer depends on the regime. Take construction in the UK: regulation 24 of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 sets out what a report of inspection must contain — the name and address of the person it was carried out for, the location, a description of the place inspected including work equipment and materials, the date and time of the inspection, and details of any matter that could give rise to a risk. The proof camera and the PDF header capture all five between them.

Food hygiene is the same story. The FDA's HACCP principles number seven, and the last of them is to establish record-keeping and documentation procedures, with monitoring as principle four. A recurring checklist with a timestamped photo per critical point is a legitimate way to hold up those two principles. What the templates cannot do is tell you which regime applies to your site, or keep pace when one changes.

## What do the PDF reports and findings look like in practice?

Reports come in three styles — Classic, Compact and a Photo report — carrying your company name, logo and colour, with a before-and-after comparison against the previous

inspection. The report can be written in any of 44 languages independently of the app language, which is the feature a contractor inspecting for a foreign client will notice first.

Findings carry a priority, before and after photos, a place, a responsible person, a due date and a reminder. Import a floor plan from a PDF or a picture and you can drop numbered, colour-coded pins on it; the numbers stay put, so a finding cited in a report still points at the same spot a month later. Answers and findings also export as CSV, and a full backup can go to iCloud Drive, Google Drive, OneDrive or Dropbox, optionally behind a password. Tickfield Inspection Checklist is a free download on the App Store.

## Which inspection app should you actually use?

### Choose Mitti (by SafetyCulture) if several people inspect the same sites

- Free, version 26.42, updated 18 October 2026, and on the App Store since February 2012 with 32,333 ratings at an average of 4.7 — a track record nothing here matches
- Its own listing claims 80,000 organisations, and it is built around shared templates and an account, which is what a multi-inspector operation needs
- Costs you iOS 17.0 or later, 349 MB and a cloud account; 14 interface languages against 44 report languages in Tickfield

### Choose Site Audit Pro if you want a mature tool for one payment

- $12.90 once, version 10.8.0, updated 16 October 2026, on sale since April 2011 with 11,316 ratings averaging 4.8 — the highest rating in this comparison
- 82 MB and the leanest install here, with fifteen years of refinement behind the reporting
- English only, and iOS 17.0 or later

### Choose Tap Inspect if you write home inspection reports for a living

- Free to download, version 9.1.0, updated 17 October 2026, since October 2010, 4,928 ratings at 4.8
- Purpose-built for narrative home inspection reports, a job the other three only approximate
- English only, iOS 17 or later, and scoped to that one trade

### Choose Tickfield Inspection Checklist if the evidence has to stand on its own

- The only one of the four that stamps the time zone, the GPS position and its accuracy into the pixels and keeps a SHA-256 hash of both files
- Free with no account and no network permission, fully offline, and the only one that runs on iOS 15.0 — the three rivals all require iOS 17
- Version 1.0 with no ratings yet, no Android build and no shared cloud workspace
- Free on the App Store

## When is Tickfield Inspection Checklist the wrong tool?

Three situations, plainly. If a team shares one template library and needs results in a dashboard, the app has no cloud workspace and Mitti (by SafetyCulture) is the better answer. If your inspectors carry Android phones, there is no build for them. If you want a decade of ratings before trusting a tool with a legal record, version 1.0 with no ratings is a fair reason to wait.

And the boundary the developer states in the listing itself: the checklists "do not replace a statutory inspection". A stamped photograph documents what a competent person saw; it does not make that person competent, and it does not stand in for an inspection the law says a qualified inspector must perform.

## Tickfield Inspection Checklist: frequently asked questions

### Is Tickfield Inspection Checklist really free?

Yes. The App Store lists it at no cost, with no advertising, no subscription and no in-app purchase. The listing also states that no account is needed and that the app collects no analytics or tracking data at all.

### Does it work without a signal?

Fully. Checklists, the proof camera, floor plans, findings and PDF export all run on the device. Only the street address stamped onto a photo needs a connection; the GPS coordinates and the accuracy figure do not.

### Is there an Android version?

No. As of 20 October 2026 it exists only on the App Store for iPhone and iPad, and no matching package is published on Google Play. If your inspectors are on Android, Mitti (by SafetyCulture) covers both platforms.

### What stops somebody editing an inspection photo afterwards?

Nothing stops an edit, but the app makes one detectable. It keeps the untouched original beside the stamped copy and stores a SHA-256 hash of both. Recomputing the hash and comparing it reveals any change, down to a pixel.

### Can I build my own checklist instead of a template?

Yes. Templates take sections and nine question types, with required questions, weights and conditional questions. An out-of-limit value or a "No" raises a finding, and editing a template never alters finished inspections.

### Does the app replace a statutory inspection?

No, and the listing says so outright. It is a documentation tool: it records what an inspector observed in a form that is hard to dispute later. Where the law requires a qualified person, no app changes that duty.

### Which iPhones can run it?

Anything on iOS 15.0 or later, which the listing puts at 130 supported device models. That is the widest reach of the four apps compared here: Mitti (by SafetyCulture), Site Audit Pro and Tap Inspect all require iOS 17.

### Can I get the answers out as data rather than a PDF?

Yes. Answers and findings export as CSV, and the whole database exports as one file or backs up to iCloud Drive, Google Drive, OneDrive, Dropbox or the phone, with an optional password. Reports export as PDF in three layouts.

### Is it usable for a team rather than one inspector?

Only loosely. Participants and signatures are captured on the device and reports can be emailed, but there is no shared template library and no central dashboard. For several inspectors, a cloud product fits better.

If you need a record you can explain to somebody who was not there, the stamped photo and the matching hash are the reason to try it. Tickfield Inspection Checklist is free on the App Store.

## Pros

- Free with no advertising, no subscription and no in-app purchase
- Date, time zone, GPS position and accuracy burned into the pixels, with the untouched original kept beside the stamped copy
- SHA-256 hash of both files, so a later edit is detectable rather than merely discouraged
- 42 ready-made checklists plus custom templates with nine question types, weights and conditional questions
- Versioned templates: editing one never rewrites inspections already completed
- PDF reports in three styles, writable in any of 44 languages independently of the app language
- Runs fully offline with no account, no network permission and no analytics
- iOS 15.0 and 130 device models, where the three alternatives compared all require iOS 17

## Cons

- Version 1.0, released 19 October 2026, with no ratings yet
- No Android build; every candidate Google Play package returns a 404
- No shared template library and no central dashboard for several inspectors
- 108 MB install, against 82 MB for Site Audit Pro and 76 MB for Tap Inspect
- The checklists do not replace a statutory inspection, as the listing itself states
- No published accuracy figure for the GPS reading beyond the accuracy value the app shows

## Summary

A free, offline inspection app for iPhone and iPad whose distinguishing feature is evidence handling: the date, the time with its time zone, the GPS position and its accuracy are burned into each photo, the untouched original is preserved beside the stamped copy, and both files carry a SHA-256 hash so a later edit can be detected. Around that sit 42 ready-made checklists, custom templates with nine question types and conditional logic, floor-plan pins, findings with owners and due dates, and PDF reports in three styles writable in any of 44 languages. Version 1.0 has no ratings yet, no Android build and no shared cloud workspace, which is what separates it from the established alternatives.

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