

MAST CLIMBING WORK PLATFORMS - DUTY OF CARE

Mast Climbing Work Platform (MCWP) owners and users have responsibilities under OSHA and ANSI to maintain the equipment while under their care and custody. The following information is intended as a guide to help identify what the regulations require.

✓ **'QUALIFIED' SERVICE/MAINTAINANCE STAFF:**

Is your staff qualified to carry out USER or OWNER required inspections?

- Daily/Pre-Use Inspections?
- Weekly Inspections (If required)?
- Frequent (3 month) Inspections?
- Annual Inspections?

✓ **RECORD KEEPING:**

As an OWNER, do you have a history file for each MCWP, containing:

- Last 3 years of Annual Inspections?
- The required Frequent Inspections since the last Annual Inspection?
- Details of any major repairs¹ and a record of manufacturers' authorization for the repairs?
- Details of any structural repairs, and a record of manufacturers' authorization for the repairs?

✓ **COMPONENT CONTROL:**

Do you have identified areas in the yard for:

- Ready Equipment?
- Equipment For Repair?
- Scrap/Disposal Area?
- Quarantine Area?²

✓ **OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:**

- Are you conducting Pre-Delivery Inspections?
- Are Installation Personnel completing Hand Over paperwork before turning the equipment over for use? This includes:
 - Serial Number(s).
 - Configurations as built.
 - Details of the jobsite, the customer, and the primary use.
 - A transfer of responsibility for inspection and safe use to the User Company.
 - A list of the trained operators on the job.

✓ **GENERAL PROCEDURES:**

- Are you replacing components with proprietary parts?
If not, do you have the manufacturers' permission to use an alternative?
- Are you periodically checking to verify with the User Company that the Daily/Pre-Use Inspections are being completed and recorded?
- Are you periodically checking to verify with the User Company that there are trained personnel on the equipment?
- Are you periodically checking to verify that there is no unauthorized use of the equipment on the job site?

Although not an all-inclusive list, this Tip Sheet provides guidance on what general considerations are necessary to be able to exercise appropriate duty of care obligations.

¹ Major Repairs: Repairs that if improperly done, might appreciably affect balance, structural strength, performance, power supply, load-bearing characteristics, or other qualities affecting safety and performance aspects, which could lead to unsafe use.

² Quarantine Area: An area where damaged, incomplete, or under-performing components are stored while waiting on manufacturers' confirmation on whether they can be repaired or require replacement.

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