

# MAST CLIMBING WORK PLATFORMS

## Best practices for using Mast Climbing Work Platforms (MCWPs or mast climbers):

- ✓ Inspect the equipment according to manufacturer guidelines and recommendations.
- ✓ Conduct ongoing checks for changes to the equipment and the job site.
- ✓ Refer to the rate load chart on equipment to avoid overloading a mast climber.
- ✓ Make sure all workers have been trained by a qualified person.\*
- ✓ Select a competent person\* to oversee the mast climber.
- ✓ Use a personal fall arrest system when working at heights and near an open edge.
- ✓ Monitor changes in weather.

## NIOSH offers an online inspection tool to help identify hazards and prevent falls:



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to visit the Mast Climbing Work Platform page and use the Daily Inspection Walkthrough tool.

Using the inspection tool is not a substitute for OSHA training requirements for MCWPs.

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/falls/mastclimb.html>



Mast climbers may present fall hazards

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\*<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926/1926.32>