

TIP SHEET

Duty of Care - Mast Climbing Work Platform – Owner’s

Mast Climbing Work Platforms (MCWP) owners and users have responsibilities under Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and other local authorities. It is the owner’s and user’s responsibility to know and follow the requirements of the standards, regulations for your local market as well as follow the manufacturers Operators/Owners Instruction Manual.

Below are Tips to aid you in fulfilling these responsibilities.

Qualified Staff

Is your staff completing and are they qualified to complete:

- Daily/per use inspections
- Frequent Inspections – for all structural components
- Annual inspections- for all structural components

Record Keeping

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

- The last 3 years of Annual Inspections
- Annual Inspections
- Details of any “major repairs”- Including Manufacturers instructions or authorization for repairs
- Details of structural repairs and including manufacturers instructions and authorization for the repairs

Operational Procedures

Is your staff;

- conducting Job site hazard assessments?
- using Method Statements to ensure installation and dismantle procedures specific to each installation are being followed?
- using installation drawings to communicate the tie in and vertical loads imposed on the supporting structure to the EOR to confirm structure will support the imposed loads
- using proprietary replacement part when replacing critical items, or getting manufacturers permission to use an alternative?

The tips listed above are provided as an aid to being compliant with the manufacturers recommendations and the regulations that govern the use of MCWP’s. **It is the user’s responsibility to know and follow the manufactures recommendations and local regulations to ensure the safety of the people working on and near the MCWP. Failure to do so may result in death or serious injury!**

Definitions

MCWP = Mast Climbing Work Platform

OHSA = Occupational Safety and Health Administration

ANSI = American National Standards Institute

CSA = Canadian Standards Association