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

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