## OSHA Compliance Checklist Mobile Work Platforms and Mobile Ladder Stands

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7	<b>1910.23(c)(1)</b> Every open-sided floor or platform 4 feet or more above adjacent floor or ground level shall be guarded by a standard railing (or the equivalent as specified in paragraph (e)(3) of this section) on all open sides except where there is entrance to a ramp, stairway, or fixed ladder. The railing shall be provided with a toeboard wherever, beneath the open sides, persons can pass, there is moving machinery, or there is equipment with which falling materials could create a hazard.			
8	<b>1910.23(e)(1)</b> A standard railing shall consist of top rail, intermediate rail, and posts, and shall have a vertical height of 42 inches nominal from upper surface of top rail to floor, platform, runway, or ramp level. The top rail shall be smooth-surfaced throughout the length of the railing. The intermediate rail shall be approximately halfway between the top rail and the floor, platform, runway, or ramp. The ends of the rails shall not overhang the terminal posts except where such overhang does not constitute a projection hazard.			
9	<b>1910.23(e)(4)</b> A standard toeboard shall be 4 inches nominal in vertical height from its top edge to the level of the floor, platform, runway, or ramp. It shall be securely fastened in place and with not more than 1/4-inch clearance above floor level. It may be made of any substantial material either solid or with openings not over 1 inch in greatest dimension. Where material is piled to such height that a standard toeboard does not provide protection, paneling from floor to intermediate rail, or to top rail shall be provided.	,		
10	<b>1910.23(e)(3)(v)</b> Various types, sizes, and arrangements of railing construction are acceptable provided they meet the following conditions: (1) a smooth-surfaced top rail at a height above floor, platform, runway, or ramp level of 42 inches nominal; (2) strength to withstand at least the minimum requirement of 200 pounds pressure applied in any direction on the top rail; and (3) protection between top rail and floor, platform, runway, ramp, or stair treads, equivalent at least to that afforded by a standard intermediate rail.			
11	<b>1910.23(e)(6)</b> All handrails and railings shall be provided with a clearance of not less than 3 inches between the handrail or railing and any other object.			
12	*If the platform has sliders, ensure extension handrails are available to provide complete fall protection with sliders extended.			



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\*If the platform is used against a surface that doesn't provide complete fall protection, ensure 13 additional handrails may be easily attached to the front of the platform to provide that protection. **Entry/Exit Stairs and Ladders** 14 **1910.23(e)(2)** A stair railing shall be of construction similar to a standard railing but the vertical height shall be not more than 34 inches nor less than 30 inches from upper surface of top rail to surface of tread in line with face of riser at forward edge of tread. 15 **1910.23(a)(2)** Every ladderway floor opening or platform shall be guarded by a standard railing with standard toeboard on all exposed sides (except at entrance to opening), with the passage through the railing either provided with a swinging gate or so offset that a person cannot walk directly into the opening. 16 **1910.29(a)(3)(viii)** A climbing ladder or stairway shall be provided for proper access and egress, and shall be affixed or built into the scaffold and so located that its use will not have a tendency to tip the scaffold. A landing platform shall be provided at intervals not to exceed 30 feet. **1910.23(d)(1)** Every flight of stairs having four or more risers shall be equipped with standard stair 17 railings or standard handrails as specified in paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (v) of this section. Casters **1910.29(a)(4)(i)** Wheels or casters shall be properly designed for strength and dimensions to support 18 four (4) times the design working load. **1910.29(a)(4)(ii)** All scaffold casters shall be provided with a positive wheel and/or swivel lock to 19 prevent movement. Ladder stands shall have at least two (2) of the four (4) casters and shall be of the swivel type. **Mobile Work Platforms Only 1910.29(e)(2)** "Base width." The minimum width of the base of mobile work platforms shall not be 20 less than 20 inches.



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21	*If users will be working under the platform, ensure protection is in place to protect their head and limbs from injury in case of contact with the platform.	
	Mobile Ladder Stands Only	
22	1910.29(a)(3)(iv) The steps of ladder stands shall be fabricated from slip resistant treads.	
23	<b>1910.29(f)(2)</b> "Base width." The minimum base width shall conform to paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section. The maximum length of the base section shall be the total length of combined steps and top assembly, measured horizontally, plus five-eighths inch per step of rise.	
24	<b>1910.29(f)(3)</b> "Steps." Steps shall be uniformly spaced, and sloped, with a rise of not less than nine (9) inches, nor more than ten (10) inches, and a depth of not less seven (7) inches. The slope of the steps section shall be a minimum of fifty-five (55) degrees and a maximum of sixty (60) degrees measured from the horizontal.	

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