

**OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES**

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**PROGRAM DIRECTIVE**

Program Directive A-33  
Issued January 1, 1979  
Revised May 29, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Portable Ladders: Manhole Metal Ladders for Telecommunication Activities

**AFFECTED STANDARDS/**

**DIRECTIVES:** [Division 2/R, Telecommunications, 1910.268\(h\)\(8\)\(i\) – \(vi\)](#)  
[Division 2/D, Walking-Working Surfaces, 1910.24\(b\)\(1\) – \(3\)](#)

**PURPOSE:** To provide guidance on the scope and application of 1910.268(h)(8)(i) – (vi).

**BACKGROUND:** The requirements under 1910.268(h)(8)(i) – (vi) are limit to portable metal manhole ladders used for telecommunications activities.

**ACTION:** The enforcement of 1910.268(h)(8)(i) – (vi) will be limited to portable metal manhole ladders used for telecommunication activities.

Fixed manhole steps in all manhole structures are covered under 1910.24(b)(1) – (3), Manhole steps.

**EFFECTIVE**

**DATE:** This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled or superseded.

**History:** Issued 1-1-1979 Revised 4-11-2001 and 5-29-2018