



Weekly Safety Meetings

Safety Training for the Construction Industry

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Aerial Lifts & Elevated Platforms

Aerial lifts and elevated platforms provide you with a quick, easy way to access elevated work areas. Used safely, they increase efficiency and reduce costs; unsafe use can result in serious accidents and death. Some of the hazards associated with aerial lifts include tipping over, falls, and electrocution. Knowing and observing safety rules can keep these hazards from causing accidents, injuries, and costly damage.

Lift operators must be trained by a qualified person who is experienced with the particular lift model being used. Training should include the types of hazards associated with aerial lifts, safeguards for dealing with these hazards, manufacturer's instructions, and hands-on training.

Before using an aerial lift always inspect it to ensure that it is operating properly. Check for fuel or hydraulic leaks. Check all controls and safety switches. Be certain that the tires are properly inflated and in good condition. Once you are satisfied that the lift can be operated safely, look over the area in which it will be used. Make note of holes, drop offs, bumps, debris, overhead obstructions, and power lines.

When operating a lift remember these general safety rules:

- Wear a safety harness at all times.

- Attach your harness to the designated anchor point on the platform.
- Do not sit, stand, or climb on the guardrails to reach your work area.
- Never use a ladder on a lift to extend your reach.
- Keep arms and legs inside while raising and lowering the platform.
- Position the boom parallel to the line of travel when moving the lift.
- Never drive a lift with the outriggers extended.
- Do not allow ground personnel in areas around or under the platform when it is raised.
- Never exceed the manufacturer's maximum weight capacity.
- Do not use an aerial lift as a substitute for a crane or forklift.

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SAFETY REMINDER
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Always check instruction, caution, and warning labels for machine-specific safety information.

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SPECIAL TOPICS /EMPLOYEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS/NOTES:

S.A.F.E. CARDS® PLANNED FOR THIS WEEK:

REVIEWED MSDS # _____ SUBJECT: _____

MEETING DOCUMENTATION:

JOB NAME: _____

MEETING DATE: _____

SUPERVISOR: _____

ATTENDEES: _____

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