



Toolbox TALK

AERIAL LIFT SAFETY

An aerial lift is any vehicle-mounted device used to elevate personnel to perform work above the ground, including extendable boom platforms, aerial ladders, articulating (jointed) boom platforms, vertical towers, or any combination of the these.

Employee Safety Reminders

- Operate an aerial lift only if you are trained and authorized.
- Inspect the lift to ensure its safe operation before each shift.
- Tie to the boom or basket when working from an aerial lift.
- Do not exceed the manufacturer's boom and basket load limits.
- Stand firmly on the basket floor. Do not sit or climb on the basket's edge or use planks, ladders, or other devices.
- Use breaks when using outriggers, and use wheel chocks before using an aerial lift on an incline.
- Do not move an aerial lift truck when the boom is elevated with men in the basket, except when using equipment specifically designed for this type of operation.

Workers involved in aerial lift accidents can face electrocution, falls, broken bones, and even death. The most common reasons for falls from aerial lifts are hydraulic cylinder failures that cause the boom to drop, lack of an outrigger or an improperly placed outrigger causing overturns, workers not tying off while in the basket, and workers falling or being pulled off a platform when their vehicle is struck by another vehicle or moves unexpectedly.



Date:

ATTENDANCE RECORD

SUPERVISOR:

CREW MEMBERS PRESENT:

COMMENTS/FEEDBACK: