



AERIAL LIFT SAFETY

- Make sure that workers who operate aerial lifts are properly trained in the safe use of the equipment.
- Maintain and operate elevating work platforms according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Never override hydraulic, mechanical, or electrical safety devices.
- Never move the equipment with workers in an elevated platform unless this is permitted by the manufacturer.
- Do not allow workers to position themselves between overhead hazards, such as joists and beams, and the rails of the basket. Movement of the lift could crush the worker(s).
- Maintain a minimum clearance of at least 10 feet, or 3 meters, away from the nearest energized overhead lines.
- Always treat power lines, wires and other conductors as energized, even if they are down or appear to be insulated.
- Use a body harness or restraining belt with a lanyard attached to the boom or basket to prevent the worker(s) from being ejected or pulled from the basket.
- Set the brakes and use wheel chocks when on an incline.
- Use outriggers, if provided.
- Do not exceed the load limits of the equipment. Allow for the combined weight of the worker, tools and materials.

PRE-OPERATION INSPECTION OF AERIAL LIFTS:

A pre-operation inspection **MUST** be performed on the aerial lift by the operator on each shift prior to use.

The pre-operation inspection checklist must be utilized, signed and dated. The checklist must be maintained on the lift and available for review.

Never take shortcuts when your life is on the line!



CAUTION!
NEVER OPERATE A DEFECTIVE AERIAL LIFT. IF A MALFUNCTION IS FOUND OR OCCURS DURING OPERATION, SHUT DOWN THE MACHINE, TAG IT OUT, AND NOTIFY YOUR SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY.

