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# Safety Tip of the Week

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## Aerial Lifts - Protect Yourself

Job sites are not always at ground level. Sometimes workers need to use aerial platforms. All work has hazards and risks involved in it, but when you work at an elevated height, extra training and attention to safety procedures is a necessity.

The most important tip to remember before operating any aerial lift platform is **always read and follow the manufacturer's safety and operation manual!**



### Safe Work Practices:

- 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 permitted by the manufacturer.
- Maintain a minimum clearance of at least 10 feet away from the nearest energized overhead lines.
- 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.

**HARNESSES AND LANYARDS ARE MORE COMFORTABLE THAN CASTS!!**