



# Safety Tip of the Week

## Aerial Lift Safety

Man-lifts and scissor lifts are two pieces of equipment that many workers can't imagine working without. This equipment, if used correctly, provides quick and safe access to work areas that at one time could only be reached from scaffolding or a crane's man-basket. These lifts, collectively called "Aerial Work Platforms," are important tools. But as with any tool, there are right and wrong ways to use them safely.

**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 Operating Procedures for Man-lifts and Scissor Lifts:

- Set outriggers, brakes, and wheel chocks – even if you're working on a level slope;
- If working near traffic, set up work-zone warnings, like cones and signs;
- Close lift platform chains or doors;
- Stand on the floor of the bucket or lift platform. Do not climb on or lean over guardrails;
- NEVER exceed manufacturer's load-capacity limits. Always allow for the combined weight of the worker or workers, tools, and materials; and
- NEVER override hydraulic, mechanical, or electrical safety devices. NEVER use planks, boxes, or other items inside the basket to extend their reach.

Working with and around aerial lift devices always presents some risks. It takes everyone working together to minimize hazards and create a safer work environment.



***IT'S BETTER TO CORRECT AN UNSAFE FRIEND THAN TO BURY ONE!!***