

PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to present a training method as directed by OSHA 1926.21, 453 and 556.

2.0 SCOPE

This procedure applies to all _____ site locations and operators that use an aerial lift for maintenance purposes.

3.0 METHODS

3.1 There is no OSHA regulation that requires an aerial lift operator to be either certified or qualified.

3.2 An operator must be provided training as specified in OSHA 1926.21(b)(2).

3.3 An employee who is qualified to perform the training, is appointed by the employer.

3.4 The training consists of:

- Instructions for the correct operation of the lift (including maximum load capacity).
- Demonstration of the skills and knowledge needed to operate the aerial lift.
- When and how to perform inspections
- Manufactures requirements
- Evaluation using the Aerial Lift Operator Evaluation Form

3.5 Retraining

3.5.1 An operator is retrained if any of the following conditions occur.

- An accident occurs during aerial lift use.
- Workplace hazards involving an aerial lift are discovered
- A different type of aerial lift is used.

3.6 Before operating an aerial lift, the operator completes the aerial lift checklist

3.7 After completion of the training, the trainer completes the Motorized Operator Control Log indicating the following:

- Operator's name
- Trainer's name
- Date of the training
- Date of next training
- Type of equipment the operator is authorized to use

3.8 List of Do's and Don'ts

Do

- Make sure all access gates or openings are closed.
- Use a body harness or restraining belt with a lanyard attached to the bucket.
- Be aware of overhead clearance, objects and ceilings
- Keep a safe distance from power lines.
- Read all decals and stencils placed on the machine.
- Examine the machine carefully before each use.
- Adjust travel speed to suit operating conditions.
- Always clear the area before any movement of the machine vertically or horizontally.

Don't

- Drive near drop-offs, holes or loading docks.
- Raise the platform on uneven or soft surfaces.
- Drive onto uneven or soft surfaces when elevated.
- Use without guardrails.
- Exceed rated load.
- Use if working platform is not working properly or is damaged.
- Use near moving vehicles.
- Stand or sit on guardrails.
- Use under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Override safety devices.
- Use a ladder or other device to increase the size or working height.

4.0 RECORDS

Training and evaluation records in regards to this program are maintained by the facility trainer for the tenure of the employee. These documents are maintained in soft copy format.