

Hillmont Associates

Health - Safety - Environment - Quality

AERIAL LIFTS

On construction sites and in the workplace

If used right an aerial lift can prevent falls and reduce the risks for back, neck and shoulder injuries caused by working at or above shoulder level by positioning you where you need to work.



There are different types of aerial lifts including scissor lifts, bucket trucks, and cherry pickers. The down lever on one can be the up lever on another model.

IF NOT USED RIGHT THE RESULTS CAN BE DEADLY!

Major causes of death are:

- Electrocution
- Falls
- Tipovers

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BEFORE USE

GET TRAINING!

Your employer must make sure every lift operator is trained by a qualified person experienced with the model of aerial lift being used.

WEAR A FULL BODY HARNESS!

If your lift is struck by another vehicle, you can be thrown from the it. Using proper fall protection will keep you from a serious or fatal fall. You must use a lanyard attached to an engineered anchor in the basket or on the boom. Do not attach it to the guardrail.

CHECK FOR OVERHEAD POWER LINES OR OBSTRUCTIONS!

Do a pre-job walk-through to look for power lines. Ask your supervisor if the electrical wires or power lines have been de-energized. Unless you are a qualified electrical worker, stay a minimum of 10 ft away from all power lines.