

ELEVATED WORK SURFACES CHECKLIST

Safety at all heights

No matter which brand of lifts your company uses, it's guaranteed to have a unique set of controls, actions and reactions. That's a good reason to be trained to operate your lift. In fact, safety standards require it. When you follow safety guidelines, you'll know the security of having both feet on the ground, even if you're high in the sky.

Preventing accidents can be easy

Many accidents can be prevented by choosing a good location for your lift. Here are a few factors to consider:

1. Does the suggested location provide firm, level footing?
2. Is the suggested location clear overhead?
3. Is the suggested location a safe distance from power lines, power sources, overhead sprinklers and cables?
4. Have nearby cables been de-energized?

It's a good policy to use a ground person to get the equipment in its "use" location. Remember, never travel in an extended or raised platform. A few minutes of safety could mean years of life.

Safety Checklist

1. Have you walked around the equipment to evaluate it?
2. Have you checked the oil and fuel supply, battery source or electric energy source?
3. Have you checked the ground panel? Do all ground controls work?
4. Have you checked the baseket or platform control? Do all controls work?
5. Have you put on fall protection? Full body harnesses are recommended.
6. What is your attachment point for fall protection?
7. Is the weight of all tools, equipment and personnel in the lift under the capacity rating?

Thought Provokers

1. What fall protection and other safety features does our lift provide? How do you operate these?
1. Does our company have a written certification program to train employees to use lifts? If not, what should one include?
2. Are there any specific points or problems you wish to discuss?