

Aerial Lift Safety

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THE HAZARD

Lifts are in heavy use through summer, and most serious incidents involve tip-over, ejection or crushing rather than mechanical failure. The ground under the machine matters as much as the machine.

WHAT GOES WRONG

- Set up on soft, sloped or backfilled ground, or over a covered excavation.
- Climbing out of the basket at height instead of lowering and repositioning.
- Standing on the midrail or a bucket in the basket to gain reach.
- Operating without checking overhead for lines, steel or structure before elevating.

CONTROLS: BEFORE YOU START

- Check ground conditions and set up on firm level ground, away from excavations.
- Do the pre-use inspection: controls, alarms, guardrails, gate and emergency lowering.
- Stay inside the basket with both feet on the floor. Never climb out at height.
- Wear the harness and lanyard where the machine type requires it, anchored to the basket.
- Look up before you go up, and keep clear of overhead lines and structure.

ASK THE CREW

1. Which lifts are on site today and who is trained on each of them?
2. What is the ground like where the lift is set up?
3. What is directly above the work today?
4. Who knows how to lower this machine from the ground in an emergency?

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Everyone present signs below. This sheet is the record of the talk.

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