

## SAFE USE OF AERIAL LIFTS

Actsafes's Toolbox Talks are intended as an informational resource for employers and supervisors to use to deliver a safety talk on a specific subject. A toolbox talk can be an effective way of refreshing workers' knowledge of safe work procedures and sharing information with more experienced workers.

### Safe use of aerial lifts

Only trained and authorized people should operate an aerial lift. Before a worker operates an aerial lift, supervisors should confirm that the worker is trained and is certified to operate an aerial lift.

#### • Before Operating An Aerial Lift

- Prior to each shift, a safety inspection should be completed by the operator; this includes both a visual inspection and a function test. Look for leaks of hydraulic fluid and fuel.
- Check operating and emergency controls
- Check safety devices such as outriggers, guardrails, lock-out switch, and personal fall protection equipment.
- Elevate the platform only when it's on a level surface that won't shift. Never exceed manufacturer's slope limits.
- Look for hazards such as holes, bumps, debris, and overhead power lines.
- Set outriggers, brakes, and wheel chocks, even on level surfaces, and cribbing (if using).

#### • While Operating an Aerial Lift

- Always close lift platform chains or doors
- Always wear fall arrest equipment with lanyard attached to a designated anchor point.
- Always stand on the floor of the bucket. Do not climb on or lean over guardrails.
- Do not exceed load limits.
- Do not drive an aerial lift with the lift extended, unless it is designed for that purpose.

**Have a discussion with your workers about aerial lifts.**

Have you ever had an injury from using aerial lifts?

Do you know someone that has been injured using an aerial lift?

If so, what happened?

#### Attendees (attach Sign-in Sheet if needed):

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Supervisor/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

