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Elevating Work Platforms and Aerial Lift Equipment

The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (yellow book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the changes for elevating work platforms and aerial lift equipment as stated below.

21.J.04 Elevating Work Platforms/Scissors Lifts: Scissors lifts shall be equipped with standard guardrails. In addition to the guardrail provided, if the scissor lift is equipped with a manufactured anchorage, a restraint system shall be used in addition to guardrails. Lanyards used with the restraint system shall be sufficiently short to prohibit workers from climbing out of, or being ejected from, the platform.

21.J.05 Aerial Lift Equipment: Workers shall be anchored to the basket or bucket in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and instructions (anchoring to the boom may only be used when allowed by the manufacturer and permitted by the Competent Person for fall protection). Lanyards used shall be sufficiently short to prohibit worker from climbing out of basket. Tying off to an adjacent pole or structure is not permitted unless a safe device for 100% tie-off is used for the transfer.

