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**VEHICLE-MOUNTED ELEVATING AND ROTATING WORK PLATFORMS-OPERATING PRACTICES**

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

## 22.M.05 Operating practices.

- a. Brakes shall be set and outriggers, when used, shall be positioned on pads or a solid surface.
- b. Wheel chocks shall be installed before using an aerial lift on an incline.
- c. Lift controls shall be tested each day prior to use to ensure safe working condition.
- d. Boom and basket load limits specified by manufacturer shall not be exceeded.
- e. Articulating boom and extensible boom platforms, primarily designed as personnel carriers, shall have both platform (upper) and lower controls.
  - (1) Upper controls shall be in or beside the platform within easy reach of the operator.
  - (2) Lower controls shall provide for overriding the upper controls.
  - (3) Controls shall be plainly marked as to their function.
  - (4) Lower level controls shall not be operated unless permission has been obtained from the employee in the lift except in case of emergency.
- f. Climbers shall not be worn while performing work from an aerial lift.
- g. The insulated portion of an aerial lift shall not be altered in any manner that might reduce its insulating value.

