



Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

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Quick Review of Safety

Aerial Lifts

BEST PRACTICES

- Conduct a thorough pre-start inspection based on the lift being used. Inspect the site for hazards, both on the ground and overhead.
- Always keep your feet on the floor of the platform or bucket; do not lean over or climb on guardrails.
- Never use ladders or other equipment to further extend your height from the lift platform.
- Always use fall restraint/arrest protection on the equipment that is attached to an identified location on the platform. A body harness should be worn and connected as soon as you or any other worker enters the platform or bucket.
- Always have a thorough understanding of the specific load capacity, wind tolerance, reach and other limitations of the lift to be used. Do not exceed these limits.
- Always be aware of what is in the travel path of the lift. Avoid electrical lines or other items within the path of travel; be aware of overhead objects as well.
- Never use aerial lift equipment in place of a crane to lift materials. Avoid oversized or awkward items on the platform or bucket; there should always be enough room for the worker to work with feet on the floor.
- Never travel with the lift raised more than what is given in the manufacturer's instructions.
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