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Requirements for Aerial Lift & Scissor Lift Operating Tests

Prior to taking an operating test, employers must make sure that their employees have been provided training on how to operate the specific aerial and/or scissor lifts that they will be using in the workplace. It is recommended that employers review with employees the operator's manual for each aerial and/or scissor lift type they are being trained to operate.

Section 1926.454 of the OSHA standards requires that employees receive training on the following topics

Aerial/Scissor Lift-specific topics

- The nature of any electrical hazards, fall hazards and falling object hazards, and any other hazards related to operation of the lift and The correct procedures for dealing with electrical hazards and for using and maintaining the fall protection systems and falling object protection systems being used;
- The maximum intended load and the load-carrying capacities; and
- Operating instructions, warnings, and precautions for the types of truck the operator will be authorized to operate;
- Use and shortcomings of the aerial/scissor lift being used in the workplace
- Procedures for moving, operating, repairing, inspecting, and maintaining the lift
- Truck controls and instrumentation: where they are located, what they do, and how they work;
- Engine or motor operation;
- Steering and maneuvering;
- Visibility;
- Any vehicle inspection and maintenance that the operator will be required to perform;
- Refueling and/or charging and recharging of batteries;
- Operating limitations;
- Any other operating instructions, warnings, or precautions listed in the operator's manual for the types of vehicle that the employee is being trained to operate.
- Other relevant OSHA requirements.

Workplace-related topics:

- Surface conditions where the vehicle will be operated;
- Pedestrian traffic in areas where the lift(s) will be operated;
- Restricted locations where the vehicle will be operated;
- Hazardous (classified) locations where the vehicle will be operated;
- Ramps and other sloped surfaces that could affect the lift's stability;
- Closed environments and other areas where insufficient ventilation or poor vehicle maintenance could cause a buildup of carbon monoxide or diesel exhaust;
- Other unique or potentially hazardous environmental conditions in the workplace that could affect safe operation.

By signing this document we understand that it is the responsibility of our company to ensure that each driver has been properly trained on the specific lift and workplace hazards that they may encounter and the items included on this document.

(Company Name)

(Date)

(Print)

(Signature)