

Safety Alert

Toolbox Topic:
Operating Aerial
Lifts Safely!



One Broken Leg
Accident Bethel!

Success is No Accident!

Hours an Accident Oct 09th 2017					
Accidents/Incidents					
Job	2017 Hours	W Comp Reportabl	OSHA Report	Lost- Time	Hours an Accident
Valdez Housing Off / Warehouse	7979	0	0	0	No Accidents!
AK Sports Dome	2190	0	0	0	No Accidents!
Bethel	26290	1	1	0	26290
Turnagain Elem	15109	0	0	0	No Accidents!
Mass X Operations	90082	0	0	0	No Accidents!
Museum	29341	1	0	0	29,341
Providence	17573	1	1	0	17,573
Small Jobs	3087	0	0	0	No Accidents!
HDJV	177474	0	0	0	No Accidents!
UAF CPHR Power	159044	1	1	0	159,044
UAF Engineering Facility	38127	0	0	0	No Accidents!
Total	566,296	4	3	0	141,574

AERIAL LIFTS SAFELY



It's not enough for workers to remain clear of electrical lines—any non-insulated equipment they have with them must stay a safe distance away, too.

Randy Mock was connecting a power line in Wilsonburg, PA when the non-insulated bucket he was standing in accidentally touched a power line, shocking and setting his clothes on fire. He suffered severe burns over most of his body. After a month-long struggle, he succumbed to his injuries in the burn unit of a local hospital.

At least one employee dies every week from injuries sustained while operating aerial-lift equipment. Common causes include:

- Electrocutions from contacting live electrical lines.
- Falls from employees not wearing proper fall protection.
- Tip-overs because of an overloaded lift bucket or operating the lift on uneven surfaces, and,
- Employees struck by or caught between the lift bucket and an object such as steel beams or joists.

Prior to operation:

1. **Inspect the lift.** Check operating and emergency controls, safety devices such as outriggers and guardrails, personal fall protection gear, and tires. Look for possible leaks in air, hydraulic fluid or fuel systems and check for loose or missing parts.
2. **Stay away from electrical lines.** At least ten feet away to be exact. Assume all power lines are energized even if they are down or appear to be insulated.
3. **Don't exceed the load limit.** Remember, load limit includes everything in the bucket; you and co-workers, tools and materials.



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