

TOOL BOX TALKS

Bucket Truck Safety

Remember that bucket trucks expose workers to the best of both worlds when it comes to workplace fatalities: vehicle accidents and worker falls. Vehicle accidents are the number one way to die on the job. Then, at a close second, falls. Workers are also exposed to electrical hazards. Workers must wear seat belts, get training, use fall protection and stay aware of electrical hazards. Workers must be trained to drive the truck properly and operate the truck properly. Review this TBT with employees.

WORKSAFE TIPS

SAFETY TIPS FOR WORK TRUCK DRIVERS

- Wear your seat belt when driving or riding in trucks.
- Drive boom trucks safely – they are top-heavy.
- Perform a good vehicle safety check before driving.
- Operators of boom trucks must be trained.
- Always wear fall protection when working from a bucket truck. Boom could fail or worker be thrown, fall.
- Use short lanyards when working in the bucket – you can still be thrown out with long (6') lanyards.
- Always inspect fall protection before each use.
- Do not overload the boom rated lift capacity.
- Survey work areas for overhead power lines.
- Stay clear of overhead power lines.
- Minimum clearance for power lines is 10'.
- Wear appropriate gloves, hard hat, & eye protection.
- Never drive the truck with anyone in the bucket.
- Don't stand on platforms, boxes when in the bucket.
- When the platform is elevated, remember events that could shock load the boom – wind, hydraulic failure,

UNSAFE! NO FALL PROTECTION HARNESS WORN! COULD FALL OUT OR BE THROWN!



DO A QUALITY SAFETY CHECK OF BOOMS AND SYSTEMS BEFORE USE.



THIS PHOTO IS OF A FATALITY – KNUCKLE CHAIN BROKE AND WORKER FELL OUT.



overloading, load shift or something falls on the boom.

- Do not perform work or maintenance on boom trucks unless properly equipped, trained and authorized.
- Set up properly in traffic – use cones & protective devices to prevent the truck from being struck. Drivers today are distracted and may not see your vehicle until it's too late.

MOST CLEAN AND DRY FLOORS ARE
SAFE AND SLIP RESISTANT

Work SAFE
Smart, Accident-Free Environments

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