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## Aerial Lifts and Aerial Work Platforms

When working from a height, aerial lifts (scissor lifts) and aerial booms (telescopic or articulated boom-type) are generally safer to use than ladders. They provide an easy means to reach work sites above the ground, while supplying a level platform to stand on. Unfortunately, aerial lifts and aerial booms are not accident-proof. Most serious and fatal accidents occur due to electrocutions, falls and tip overs. The best way to minimize or eliminate the risks is to be aware of them, and follow safe work practices every time an aerial lift or aerial boom is used. Before a worker is authorized to use a lift, he/she must receive appropriate training from a qualified person. This course provides workers with classroom instruction and practical experience that includes:

- an overview of the applicable legislation
- the equipment (technical and operational theory)
- pre-start inspections
- safe use of the equipment
- practical training/hands-on practice to demonstrate proper operation

Target Audience: Employees who may be required to work on aerial lifts and aerial booms.

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### Source

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