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Job Hazard Analysis	JHA # 24
Job/Task Title: MEWP/Aerial Lift (Boom lift)	
Safe Job Procedure:	Revised 11/2024

This JHA is for the safe and successful operation of scissor and boom lifts.

WORKERS MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND JHA #0 BEFORE BEGINNING ANY TASK

Review JHA's: #30 Cover and Clean-up, #31 Lock Out – Tag Out (LOTO), #33 Fall Protection, #34 Overhead Work, #35 Material Handling

Work, #35 Material Handling Step #1 Operating MEWPs or Aerial Lifts			
Inspection of the	Worker has the potential	1) Only trained (within the last 4 years) and	
equipment.	to be exposed to stored	authorized users are allowed to operate lifts.	
	energy, pinch points,	2) Ensure the operational area is free of hazards,	
	caught between, and	has space to perform function checks of controls	
	struck-by hazards.	and has clearance to check for emergency	
	Electrical or hydraulic	decent.	
	faults may endanger	3) Fill out daily inspection checklist while going	
	workers and should be	over the lift thoroughly.	
	detected during equipment inspection.	4) Keep hands and body out of pinch point areas.	
Using MEWPs, or Aerial	Worker is exposed to	1) Route electrical cords so they are not in the	
lifts for accessing work.	possible pinch points, falls,	path of the lift. Elevate cords if possible.	
	trips, tip overs, objects	2) Never secure an electrical cord or rope to a	
	falling from the lift,	lift.	
	ejection from the lift,	3) Ensure chain or gate is engaged after accessing	
	collisions, crush hazards,	the lift. Chain or gate must always be secured	
	and electrical hazards.	when working from the lift.	
		4) Never place hands on top rail when raising the lift.	
		5) When not actively moving the lift, "Hit the Red to Render it Dead."	
		6) Keep feet on the work platform at all times. It	
		is never acceptable to leave the platform and	
		step on the mid or top rail. If you cannot access	
		your work. Return to the ground and get with the	
		foreman to plan access.	
		7) Store tools/hardware in flat bottom containers	
		and keep platform clear when working at height.	
		8) Control access to area below the lift if feasible.	
		When working in congested areas, tools should	
		be tethered to prevent falling objects. Stop the	
		Drop!	



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		9) Minimize overreaching. Adjust the lift to
		position the body directly in front of work when
		feasible.
		10) Communicate with those around you before
		repositioning. Calling out moves is common
		practice. i.e., Going Up, Coming Down, Moving
		Forward, Moving Back
		11) Use a spotter when operating in tight or high
		traffic areas. A spotter is always required when
		moving a boom lift to different task areas.
		12) Lower boom lift when repositioning. When
		moving a scissor lift more than 10 feet, lift must
		be lowered to ground level.
		13) Use of fall protection, with a fall protection
		plan, is mandatory on all boom lifts. GC may
		require fall protection in scissor lifts.
		14) Know the maximum capacity of the
		equipment, and do not overload. The capacity
		chart will be posted on the machine. Read and
		understand all warning placards.
		15) Inclement weather; Lifts cannot be used in
		high wind, or lightning. Do not operate lift in
		wind greater than 28 MPH.
		16) Always be aware of overhead clearance and
		overhead hazards.
		17) Never operate a lift within 20 feet of power
		lines.
		18) Any worker observed operating a lift
		improperly may be disciplined and must go
		through retraining.
Fueling an MEWP or	Worker may be exposed to	Fuel must be kept in a UL approved spark
aerial lift or recharging	harsh chemicals, fire	arresting safety can and stored in a fire cabinet
an MEWP or aerial lift.		
an MEWP of aerial lift.	hazards and explosive	or out of building when not in use. LP gas must
	environment.	be stored out of the building in an approved
		area.
		2) Inspect fueling area prior to fueling. Remove
		all sources of ignition.
		3) Have spill kit at fueling area.
		4) Have fire extinguisher available at fueling area.
		5) Always recharge in open areas with good
		ventilation.
		6) Only recharge from approved power source
		connected to GFCI.
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		7) Plan recharging to limit the need for excessive