TOOLBOX TALK for November 16th, 2026

Capenter's Training -
Portland - 11/21 First Aid.
Ontario - 11/21 Rough Terrain Forklift

Lifts:

Training and pre-task inspection

- Aerial Lift training is required for anyone who uses a lift. Training must happen before using a lift and must be renewed every three years. If your certificate is out of date, ask your safety rep for a refresher training.
- Lifts are required by law to have the operator's manual on-board during lift operations. Never operate a lift that is missing its manual!
- Before using a scissor lift or an aerial lift, you must do a complete pre-operation check. You can find the checklists at *www.fsstools.com*, under the *Checklist and Signs* tab. Just click *Checklists* and select the right checklist for what you're doing. Never operate a lift that doesn't pass the inspection.

Work Zone

- Create a work zone. Make sure to clear the work area of unnecessary people and block off the area as needed and use red tape if you are creating a hazard for people below.
- Check the ground to be sure it is flat and packed, loose ground may not support the lift.
    - Look for potholes or divots that could destabilize the lift.
- If the work zone is on an incline, check the operator's manual to make sure the lift can operate safely on the slope.
- Remove any debris in the work area.

Overhead

- After inspecting the ground, inspect the area overhead**.**
- Look for power lines and other cables and utilities running over the work zone
    - If the work zone includes power lines, make sure to stay at least ten feet away.
- Look for other overhead obstructions, like duct work and trapezes.
- If working indoors, check the ceiling height and look for areas where the height changes

Aerial Lift Protection

- Boom lifts always require the lift user(s) to wear fall protection. Every person in the boom lift must wear their harness and their lanyard must attach to one of the approved tie-off locations. A separate tie-off location must be used for each person in the boom lift.
- Generally, scissor and personal lifts do not require fall protection, if the guardrails are in place during use and all personnel remain inside the guardrails**.** Harnesses may be required by the GC.

Being safe on lifts comes down to paying attention and correcting potential problems before they cause trouble.

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