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Purpose

The purpose of this program is to define the requirements for safely operating an elevated platform and aerial lift device.

Scope

This policy shall cover all aerial lift devices used on Dee Cramer, Inc. property or jobsites.

Responsibilities

Safety Department

- Shall ensure all personnel operating aerial lifts and elevated platforms are trained

Supervisors/Managers

- Shall ensure that all aerial devices are properly operated by competent personnel.
- Shall ensure pre-use inspections are performed prior to equipment use.

Employees

- Shall follow all aspects of this program.

Procedure for Safe Operational Use

Elevated platforms/aerial lifts may not be “field modified” for uses other than those intended by the manufacturer. Boom and basket load limits specified by the manufacturer shall not be exceeded and if equipped with outriggers they shall always be deployed on stable, level ground.

Aerial lifts and elevated platforms shall have a working back-up alarm audible above the surrounding noise level or the vehicle is backed up only when an observer (spotter) signals that it is safe to do so.

The minimum clearance between electrical lines and any part of the equipment (i.e., crane or load) shall be 10 feet for lines rated 50 kV or below.

All additional tools or materials used in an elevated platform/aerial lift shall be secured to prevent any dropping from occurring. The area of use shall be roped or cautioned off to prevent any impact from falling objects to surrounding personnel.

Employees shall always stand firmly on the floor of the basket and shall not sit or climb on the edge of the basket or use planks, ladders, or other devices for a work position.

Rules for Exiting an Elevated Platform or Aerial Lift

Leaving the basket of an elevated lift is ONLY allowed when either or both of the following scenarios apply:

- There are no other means to access the area that needs to be accessed

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- Other means of access would create a greater hazard to the worker(s)
- Inspect all fall protection equipment daily for any signs of defect or damage. If found to be defective or damaged red tag and removed from service.
- Inspect lift anchorage points for defect or damage. If found to be defective or damaged, red tag and remove from service.
- 100% tie-off at all times per MIOSHA Part 45 Fall Protection.
- Exit out of gates only.
- When making a temporary anchorage attachment to structural steel, the only thing that you can have in your hands is the temporary anchorage device.
 - When the temporary anchorage point is established, return to the lift and retrieve a second retractable device and hang it from the anchorage point.
 - Attach the second retractable device to the full body harness and return to lift. Remove retractable device that is anchored to the lift and at that point get any tools and material needed to complete the job.
 - When removing the temporary anchorage device and second retractable device, you must be tied off to the anchorage devices in the lift.
 - If you are unable to find an approved anchorage point outside of the lift you may remain tied off to the approved anchorage point in the lift. This is allowed only when all other options outside the aerial lift have been exhausted.
- A ground person is required at all times if a free climb is to take place.

Always consult the Safety Department about any uncertainties regarding tie-off points or free climbing plans.

Fall Protection

Reference Fall Protection Policy.

Pre-Operational Inspection

Pre-use inspections are to be documented, not just visual, including the work area to be used. Lift controls shall be inspected and tested each day prior to use to determine that such controls are in safe working conditions. Inspections and tests shall be made at the beginning of each shift during which the equipment is to be used to determine that the brakes and operating systems are in proper working condition. Additional inspections shall be made and documented in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements.

Employees must notify their supervisor/manager of any defects detected immediately on elevated platforms/scissor lifts. Employees may not operate a lift with any defect detected. Lift must be tagged and taken out of service until defect can be corrected.

Training

Only authorized, competent persons shall operate an elevated platform/aerial lift. All employees who operate an elevated platform/aerial lift device shall be trained in the safe operation of the

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specific device they will operate. Competency is established by a written and documented operational practical exam administered by a qualified instructor.

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Management of Change		
Date	Description of Change	Name
6/22/2026	Replaced fall restraint to fall arrest system. Removed duplication training statement. Added that all tools and materials shall be secured. Added that areas of use shall be roped off or cautioned off to prevent any impact from falling objects. Combined "Rules for Exiting an Elevated Platform or Aerial Lift" with general policy	Madelyn Nichols