

Toolbox Talk

Be Safe. Your Family and Friends Want You Healthy and in Their Lives.

Scissor Lifts – A Potential Hazard Common on Many Jobsites

Scissor lifts provide a safe and reliable platform for workers to perform job tasks when used properly. However, when not used properly, scissor lifts can present a serious hazard to workers. These hazards include falls from the work platform, tip-overs, contact with power lines, equipment collapse and caught-between injuries.

Be proactive and practice these safety checks when working on or around scissor lifts.

Stabilization

- Do not move the lift while in an elevated position.
- Ensure other equipment cannot come in contact with the scissor lift.
- Select firm, level surfaces away from hazards that can cause instability.
- Use the scissor lift outside only when weather conditions are good.

Fall Protection

- Check to see that a guardrail system is in place before working on the scissor lift.
- Only stand on the work platform; never stand on the guardrails.
- Keep work within easy reach to avoid leaning away from the scissor lift.
- Additional fall protection is required if leaving the safety of the work platform basket.

Positioning. Be extra alert when:

- A scissor lift is near a fixed object.
- A moving vehicle and the scissor lift are operating closely.
- The scissor lift passes under a door frame or support beam.
- The scissor lift is operating near an electrical source.



Planks, ladders or guardrail sides should not be used to gain extra reach or height. When working outside, mind the weather as wind can make a scissor lift unstable.

The safety information provided in this Toolbox Talk is for informational purposes and should not be considered a complete resource on this topic, nor does it supersede any applicable local, state or federal statutes or regulations. The material contained has been compiled from sources believed to be accurate. Tradesmen International assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of this information and encourages expert consultation on this topic for more information.

Employee Name: _____

Location: _____

Employee Signature: _____

Date: _____



Provided courtesy of:

