

Aerial Lifts and Tie-Off Requirements

Introduction

Boom-supported aerial lifts and scissor lifts are treated differently under OSHA construction rules. Identify the machine and follow its manual, employer assessment, and applicable requirements before entering the platform.

Hazards & Controls

In boom-supported lifts, use the required personal fall protection attached to the designated boom or basket anchorage. Choose approved restraint or fall arrest equipment for the machine and task; body belts must not be used for fall arrest.

Scissor lifts with properly maintained guardrails generally do not require tie-off under the construction scaffold rules alone; manufacturer or employer requirements may be stricter. Never improvise an anchorage or tie to an adjacent structure. Keep gates closed and feet on the floor.

Have a trained, authorized person verify the selected protection for the actual task. Stop work if the equipment, exposure, or site conditions change.

Safety Reminders

Inspect before use and follow the equipment instructions and site fall protection plan. Report damaged or missing protection immediately; do not proceed until hazards are controlled.

Engagement Questions

What type of lift is this, and what system and anchorage does its manual require?

What site-specific hazards or changes would make us stop work?

Sources and use notice

OSHA: Fall Protection Systems Criteria (1926.502)

OSHA: Aerial Lifts / Scissor Lift Fall Protection Interpretation

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