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TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION **RISK REMINDER**

Aerial Lifts Safety Tips

Aerial lifts include boom-supported aerial platforms, such as cherry pickers or bucket trucks. The major causes of fatalities are falls, electrocutions and collapses or tip overs.



Safe Work Practices

- Ensure that workers who operate aerial lifts are properly trained in the safe use of the equipment.
 - Maintain and operate elevating work platforms in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
 - Never override hydraulic, mechanical, or electrical safety devices.
 - Never move the equipment with workers in an elevated platform unless this is permitted by the manufacturer.
 - Do not allow workers to position themselves between overhead hazards, such as joists and beams, and the rails of the basket. Movement of the lift could crush the worker(s).
 - Maintain a minimum clearance of at least 10 feet, or 3 meters, away from the nearest overhead lines.
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- Always treat power line, wires and other conductors as energized, even if they are down or appear to be insulated.
 - Use a body harness or restraining belt with a lanyard attached to the boom or basket to prevent the worker(s) from being ejected or pulled from the basket.
 - Set the brakes, and use wheel chocks when on an incline.
 - Use outriggers, if provided.
 - Do not exceed the load limits of the equipment. Allow for the combined weight of the worker, tools, and materials.

For more information, contact your Loss Control Consultant at (888) 562-7861

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