

Garmong Construction Services					
<i>EMPLOYEE SAFETY POLICY HANDBOOK – Aerial Lifts</i>					
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General Requirements for all Aerial Lifts.

- Only authorized users will operate lifts on the job site. Authorized users are trained in the operation for the specific manufacturer and model.
- Follow the operator’s instructions in the operation manual.
- Inspect prior to each use. Do not use if defective items are found or function improperly.
- Do not exceed the load capacity of the aerial lift – load includes personnel, tools, material.
- Do not exceed the maximum number of personnel allowed on the platform.
- Check the load capacity of floors, ramps, and bridges before driving the aerial lift on them.
- Loads should be evenly distributed over the platform floor.
- Do not alter, disconnect, or override any interlocks or other safety devices.
- Do not use aerial lifts in excessive windy conditions. **Maximum winds of 25 mph.**
- Check all clearances around and below the platform before raising, lowering, or travelling.
- Do not travel on slopes and ramps without reading the manufacturer’s requirements.
- Do not operate on uneven surfaces. Raising platform on slopes could cause tip over.
- Do not operate the aerial lift with wheels “cribbed” or positioned on blocks.
- Do not use planks, ladders, or any other device on the work platform to gain height.
- Always keep both feet on the platform floor while working and travelling.
- Do not use the aerial lift as a “crane” or attach rope.
- Do not tie ropes or cords to the handrails – could catch and pull lift over.
- Maintain minimum 10 feet from overhead power lines.
- Always operate controls in a smooth controlled manner. Absolutely No Horseplay.
- Before and During travel: Look in the direction of travel; Avoid obstacles, bumps, and potholes; Maintain a safe distance from all overhead objects; Use a lookout or spotter if necessary when operating in a constricted space location.

Fall Protection Requirements.

Personal fall arrest equipment is required at all times in boom-supported aerial lifts (such as JLG’s & Bucket Trucks). Use the manufacturers designed anchorage.

Personal fall arrest equipment is not required in scissors lifts.

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Operators must work while standing on the platform floor, never on the top rail, mid-rail or toe board; **they may not climb out of the platform to an elevated work platform.**

Exceptions to this are permitted only when it is deemed safer to exit the platform to perform work than it is to use another means of access.

Bucket Trucks Requirements

- Do not drill holes in the bucket to drain rain water. Use bucket covers provided.
- Do not alter, disconnect, or override any interlocks or other safety devices.
- Do not operate unless outriggers are utilized and proper cribbing pads are in place.
- Always keep both feet on the platform floor while working. Do not stand on top of bucket.
- Do not climb out of raised platform onto poles, etc.
- Do not ride in boom while truck is moving.

Do not operate within 10 feet of energized power lines.

Keep “Unqualified” personnel out of area when working on/near energized lines.

Ensure no one is touching the frame of the truck and the ground when working on/near energized lines – barricade the area if necessary.