

<b>ELEVATING WORK PLATFORMS</b>	<b>Manual</b>	<b>ESHQ</b>
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## 1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This standard establishes the requirements for safe operation and maintenance of work platforms that can be raised and lowered including vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating aerial devices, manually propelled elevating aerial platforms, self-propelled elevating work platforms, and boom-supported elevating work platforms.

This standard does not cover the following:

- Crane-suspended or forklift supported work platforms
- Suspended scaffolding
- Fire fighting apparatus.

The requirements in this standard apply to all Washington River Protection Solutions LLC (WRPS) and subcontractor employees.

## 2.0 IMPLEMENTATION

This standard is effective on the date shown in the header.

## 3.0 STANDARD

(5.1.5, 5.1.6, 5.1.7)

### 3.1 Managers/Supervisors (User Organization)

1. Managers and supervisors are responsible for ensuring that: (5.1.5, 5.1.6, 5.1.7)
  - a. All elevating work platforms purchased, leased, rented, or otherwise used shall be built in accordance with the most recent ANSI standards including ANSI/SIA A92.2 (5.1.1), A92.3 (5.1.2), A92.5 (5.1.3), and A92.6 (5.1.4).
  - b. All manufacturer-required inspections, tests, and maintenance actions are up-to-date/completed.
  - c. The removal from service of any equipment that is not in proper operating condition until qualified repair is completed.
  - d. A copy of the operating manuals for each unit of equipment is retained with each unit.
  - e. Equipment selected for use in a hazardous environment (explosive or flammable atmosphere) is approved for use in such locations.
  - f. Vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating aerial devices selected for performing work on or near energized conductors or equipment are designed and tested to provide the level of protection needed for the voltages to be encountered, in accordance with ANSI A92.2 (5.1.1).

- g. Employees authorized to operate, inspect, maintain, repair, or modify equipment are trained and qualified to the requirements of this standard and specific manufacturer's requirements (with a record of completed training retained) for the type or class of equipment assigned.

NOTE: Operator training requirements can be met by completing the Aerial Lifts Operator training course supplied by representative contractors, manufacturer's training classes, or other recognized training that covers the content of applicable requirements and includes on-the-job training and on-the-job evaluation.

- h. Modifications are recognized as potentially impacting the stability or safety of equipment. Such modifications shall be approved in writing by the manufacturer. If the manufacturer no longer exists, a qualified person may approve and direct the modification work.
- i. Records of inspections and tests (with the exception of those performed as "routine daily"), maintenance, and modification activities are prepared and maintained as part of an equipment history file.

2. The FWS and Operator will evaluate the worksite and determine safe work controls.

- a. Prior to any elevating work platform work evolution, the FWS/Operator must perform a walkdown of the operation area to assess potential hazards. For routine evolutions the FWS should periodically observe operations to ensure requirements are being met.
- b. Determine the best means to separate pedestrians and other work activities not part of the elevating work platform operation.
- c. Ensure spotter(s) are assigned as necessary to maintain safe control of the operating areas.

### **3.2 Operators/User**

Operators/users are responsible for: (5.1.5, 5.1.6, 5.1.7)

1. Inspecting elevating work platforms before use and perform a 360 degree walk around.
2. Reporting defective equipment.
3. Operate elevating work platforms in accordance with safe and responsible work practices and manufacturer's directions.
4. Be aware of other work activities in the vicinity of elevating work platform operations (e.g., pedestrian traffic, other vehicles and/or equipment, other subcontractor work activities).
5. Request a spotter any time it is deemed necessary for safe operation.

### 3.3 Inspection

Inspection performed by operators/users shall include the following conditions:

1. Visual inspection and test-operating of elevating work platforms on a daily basis in accordance with manufacturer instructions.
2. Reporting defective equipment to supervisors/managers, and tag out-of-service until repairs are completed and documented.
3. Checking the operability of the equipment and making sure that it is free of defects that would compromise the safety of the equipment.
4. Making authorized corrections and reporting other deficiencies for appropriate maintenance or repair.

### 3.4 Setting Up and Using Elevating Work Platforms

The set-up and use of elevating work platforms by operators/users shall include the following conditions:

1. Setting-up and operating elevating work platforms in accordance with safe work practices and requirements in this standard, in training classes, and in the manufacturer's directions.
2. Setting brakes and fully extend outriggers/stabilizers (if equipped).
3. Positioning appropriately on stable surfaces and/or using pads or appropriate cribbing arranged in a stable configuration.

NOTE: If the outriggers/stabilizers cannot be fully extended, operate within the manufacturer's limitations.

4. Completing a survey of the worksite to identify and control potential hazards, such as drop-offs/holes at operating level, untamped earth fills, inadequate operating surface support, ground-level and overhead obstructions, weather conditions, and falling objects.
5. Operating equipment on level surfaces or within the slope limits given by the manufacturer. Use wheel chocks when working on inclines.
6. Ensuring that the area surrounding the work platform is clear of personnel and equipment before lowering the platform or position awareness barriers around the elevating work platforms.
7. Not locating personnel or tools and equipment where there is a possibility of contact with energized overhead high voltage lines (high voltage lines are overhead lines with no insulation). Equipment shall be set up at least 10 feet from high voltage lines of 50 kilovolts or less and an additional 4 inches for every 10 kilovolts over 50 kilovolts.

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8. When working within a horizontal distance 20 feet of the center line of the nearest high voltage line, contact Electrical Utilities 372-1660 or 373-7995 for assistance at least 48 hours before the scheduled work.  
  
NOTE: Electrical Utilities may impose additional requirements for the work activity.
9. Providing safety barriers around manlifts operated in restricted areas so that personnel cannot be caught between rotating equipment and adjacent fixed objects.
10. Standing on the basket or platform floor and do not sit or climb on the edge or handrail. Do not climb out of the platform or use the railings, planks, ladders, or other devices to achieve additional working height or reach.
11. Using an approved access means (e.g., ladderway or ladder) for ascending and descending the work platform.
12. In vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating aerial devices, wearing a full body harness and lanyard at all times with the lanyard connected to an approved anchorage on the equipment at the platform position. Fall protection is not required in scissor lifts or telescoping work platforms which have a fully enclosed work platform.
13. Not tying off to adjacent poles, structures, or equipment while on an elevating work platform.
14. Not using elevating work platforms to hoist materials that would otherwise require other lifting equipment.
15. Not exceeding the load capacity of the unit.
16. Not moving elevating work platforms when they are occupied, unless the equipment is specifically designed for this type of operation.  
  
NOTE: For vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating aerial devices, the boom should be completely retracted and resting in the transport cradle.  
  
NOTE: Units that can be moved in elevated positions have interlocks that keep the vehicle from moving or controlling the speed to a rate that does not affect stability when the platform is raised.
17. Securing booms and outriggers in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions prior to over-the-road transport.

### **3.5 Design Criteria**

All elevating work platforms purchased, leased, rented, or otherwise used shall be built in accordance with the most recent ANSI standards including ANSI/SIA A92.2 (5.1.1), A92.3 (5.1.2), A92.5 (5.1.3) and A92.6 (5.1.4).

### 3.6 Records

“Inspection, Maintenance, Repair, Modification, and Test Records” and “Qualification to Operate, Inspect, Maintain, Repair, or Modify Equipment” are considered record material and shall be retained in accordance with [TFC-BSM-IRM DC-C-02](#) for WRPS operations activities. Subcontractors may use their own records tracking and inventory system.

### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

Approved. Certification that an elevating work platform meets the strength, stability, or special requirements (e.g., insulating capability) stated in this section, 29 CFR, or applicable ANSI standards.

Elevating work platform. A work platform consisting of a floor and guardrail system attached to a raising or lowering mechanism. The platform mounts on a base unit that provides structural stability, mechanisms for raising and lowering the platform, and sometimes a drive unit for relocating the unit to another location. The system is used to provide approved work platforms to position personnel for working at heights.

Insulated. An elevating work platform with dielectric components designed and tested to meet specific requirements for use on or around energized electrical circuits or equipment. Such platforms are labeled/marked by the manufacturer to identify certification.

Scissor lift. A type of mobile or manually propelled device that has an adjustable position platform, supported from ground level by a structure. Typically, the platform moves only vertically, though some units have limited horizontal movement of the platform.

Telescoping platform. A type of elevating work platform which achieves desired heights through the use of an extensible and retractable boom assembly.

### 5.0 SOURCES

#### 5.1 Requirements

1. ANSI/SIA A92.2, “Vehicle Mounted Elevating and Rotating Aerial Devices.”
2. ANSI/SIA A92.3, “Manually Propelled Elevating Work Platforms.”
3. ANSI/SIA A92.5, “Boom-Supported Elevating Work Platforms.”
4. ANSI/SIA A92.6, “Self-Propelled Elevating Work Platforms.”
5. 10 CFR 851, “Worker Safety and Health Program.”
6. 29 CFR 1910, “Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor,” Subpart F, Section 67, “Vehicle-Mounted Elevating and Rotating Work Platforms.” (S/RID)
7. 29 CFR 1926, “Safety and Health Regulations for Construction,” Subpart L, Section 453, “Aerial Lifts.” (S/RID)

#### 5.2 References

No documents external to this standard are required for performance.