

# EHS Fact Sheet Aerial Lifts

#### Introduction

Aerial Lift / Elevated Work Platform (AL/EWP) equipment is used to raise workers from ground/floor level to conduct work aloft. They may be used indoors or outdoors and for any purpose when a person needs to work at an elevated location. There are many different kinds of AL/EWP equipment. This equipment is selected and used based upon work need and site conditions.

This equipment may be self-propelled, mounted to a truck, or towed by a trailer. Power sources for the equipment include plug-in electric, on - board rechargeable battery packs or propane.

### **Aerial Life Types at OSU**

- Extendible Boom Platform An aerial device (except ladders) with an extendible boom. Telescopic booms with personal platform attachments are considered to be extendable boom platforms.
- Scissor Lift A device designed to elevate a platform on a substantially vertical axis.
   This device can be driven by an operator inside the work platform and is generally designed to carry more than one person.
- Man Lift / Cherry Picker This piece of equipment lifts personnel vertically, but not horizontally.
- Extendible / Telescoping Aerial Lift This aerial lift has a boom that extends horizontally and vertically.

## **Requirements for Operation**

- Employees who are authorized to operate aerial lifts must receive training prior to engaging in their duties.
- Employees must use fall protection when required.
- Complete a pre-operation inspection form prior to use.
- The pre-operation inspection form shall be on the lift while in operation.
- Pre-operation inspection forms shall be kept on file for at least on year.



## **EHS's Responsibility**

- Maintain aerial lift manual.
- Assist in the training of employees.
- Perform onsite inspections.
- Ensure pre-operation inspection forms and manual are available to all departments.

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