

# AGC Tool Box Safety Talk

## AERIAL LIFTS

### INTRODUCTION

1. Review any accidents or “near accidents” from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the SAFE way of doing the job.
3. Give the TOOL BOX SAFETY TALK

Falls from elevations can result in serious injuries or even death. Aerial platforms are designed and built with safety features to help minimize the potential for worker injuries. These features include handrails, mid-rails, and toe-boards to help prevent falls and injuries from falling materials. To help ensure safety when using aerial lifts, follow these procedures:

- Test lift controls each day prior to use to determine that such controls are in safe working condition.
- When riding on aerial lifts, stand firmly on the floor of the basket. Do not climb on the edge of the basket or use planks, ladders, or other devices for a work position.
- Use a full body harness with a lanyard attached to the boom or basket to prevent the worker from being ejected or pulled from the basket.
- Maintain a minimum clearance of at least 10 feet away the nearest overhead power lines. High voltage lines require more distance.
- Do not exceed the load limits of the equipment. Allow for the combined weight of the worker, tools, and materials.
- Never move the equipment with workers in an elevated platform unless the manufacturer permits it.
- Never use an aerial lift unless you have been properly trained in its use.

