THE HEIGHTS OF DANGER

8 M/NM Fatalities Involving Man Lifts since 2000

Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Identify and control all hazards.
- Train all persons to recognize adverse conditions and environmental factors that can decrease stability.
- Ensure persons understand safe job procedures and eliminate all hazards before beginning work.
- Thoroughly inspect the entire man lift, especially areas subject to fatigue and stress.
- Ensure persons are properly task trained regarding safe operating procedures before allowing them to operate mobile equipment.
- Ensure that all operating systems and safety features on mobile equipment are maintained and functional at all times.
- Follow the manufacturer’s operators manual and ensure required tests are performed on equipment.
- Park equipment on level, stable ground and operate it within the design specifications of the manufacturer.
- Use equipment only for its intended purpose. Boom lifts are not cranes!
- When using boom lifts in work areas with limited space, ensure that the controls are placed in the slowest speed to avoid abrupt movement.
- Monitor work activities to ensure that miners are protected from possible hazards.
- Always use fall protection where there is a danger of falling.
- Always examine, sound, and test for loose ground in areas before starting to work, after blasting, and as ground conditions warrant.

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