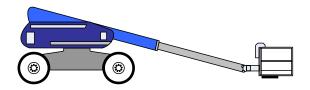


SAFETY HAZARD ALERT

Boom-Supported Elevating Work Platforms Part 2 of 2: Operation

The hazards associated with using elevating work platforms can be minimized if the work is accomplished using the appropriate machine for the specific work and job site, and following the manufacturer's machine operating procedures. For example, working in an elevating work platform as designed is a very safe alternative to ladders.



The machine should only be used for its intended applications. Never attempt to use the machine as a crane and never load the platform beyond its maximum rated capacity.

Operators should park the machine on level and stable ground and operate it within the design specifications of the manufacturer.

Before the machine is used and during use, the operator should check the work area for possible hazards such as, but not limited to:

- drop-offs or holes, including those concealed by water, ice, mud, etc.
- sloping or uneven ground
- debris, bumps and floor obstructions
- wind and weather conditions
- inadequate surface and support to withstand all load forces imposed by the machine in all operating configurations
- overhead obstructions and electrical conductors
- presence of persons below or in the immediate vicinity
- hazardous locations and atmospheres

During use, the operator should:

- maintain a clear view of the path of travel
- maintain a safe distance from overhead obstacles
- maintain a safe distance from obstacles, debris, drop-offs, holes and depressions, ramps, and other hazards to ensure safe travel

Prior to elevating the platform, the operator should verify the access gate or opening is closed per manufacturer's instructions and all occupants in the work platform are using a fall arrest system and properly tied-off. Redundant shock absorbing lanyards should be used when moving from one tie-off point to another.

If the platform or boom becomes caught or snagged in an adjacent structure or obstacle, remove the platform occupants prior to freeing the machine.

ANSI/SIA A92.5 can be referenced for additional safety precautions.

There is no substitute for taking the time to perform work in a safe manner. Workers should take the time to examine their jobsite and planned work for potential hazards.