TOOL BOX TALKS

AERIAL LIFT MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING PROCEDURES

Numerous injuries have occurred when individuals improperly mounted and dismounted from aerial platforms. These injuries range from sprains and strains, to even more painful and disabling injuries such as fractured or broken arms and legs.

- ✓ Always use "three point contact" with the machine, face the machine when you enter or leave the machine.
- ✓ Clean your shoes and wipe your hands before climbing on. Use handrails, ladders or steps (as provided) when mounting the platform.
- ✓ Never use control levers as a handhold when climbing on or off.
- ✓ Never step on foot controls when mounting or climbing off.
- ✓ Never attempt to mount or dismount a moving machine.
- ✓ Never walk or climb the elevating assembly to gain access to an elevated platform (nor do so to leave the platform).
- ✓ Make certain that all handrails, toe boards, and gates and entry chains are in place and secured before raising the platform.
- ✓ Enter and exit the platform from the ground only.

"Three Point Contact" means 3 out of 4 points (hands or feet) are in contact with the machine at all times during mount and dismount.

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