



Safety Bulletin

Is Your Load Secured?



There are over 25,000 accidents that kill 100 people each year from unsecured loads leaving a vehicle while moving.

Excuses:

- ⇒ But, I'm just going a short way and I won't be driving to fast.
- ⇒ The load is so heavy it could not

fall out.

- ⇒ The load is below the top of the vehicle bed.

Secure Your Load:

- ⇒ Cover your load with a tarp securely fastened.
- ⇒ Tie Down using rope, straps, netting or chains.
- ⇒ Place lighter items at the bottom.

- ⇒ Do not over load.
- ⇒ Double check your load is secure.

Do your part to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Referenced:

www.your.kingcounty.gov

OSHA is Making a Difference

- In four decades, OSHA and our state partners, coupled with the efforts of employers, safety and health professionals, unions and advocates, have had a dramatic effect on workplace safety.
- Since 1970, workplace fatalities have been reduced by more than 65 percent and occupational injury and illness rates have declined by 67 percent. At the same time, U.S. employment has almost doubled.
- Worker deaths in America are down—from about 38 worker deaths a day in 1970 to 13 a day in 2011.
- Worker injuries and illnesses are down—from 10.9 incidents per 100 workers in 1972 to fewer than 4 per 100 in 2010.



Aerial Lifts

Protect Yourself

Aerial lifts are vehicle-mounted, boom-supported aerial platforms, such as cherry pickers or bucket trucks, used to access utility lines and other above-ground job sites. The major causes of fatalities are falls, electrocutions, and collapses or tip overs. Employers must take measures to ensure the safe use of aerial lifts by their workers if they are required to use this equipment in the course of their employment.

Safe Work Practices

- Make sure that workers who operate aerial lifts are properly trained in the safe use of the equipment.
- Maintain and operate elevating work platforms according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Never override hydraulic, mechanical, or electrical safety devices.
- Never move the equipment with workers in an elevated platform unless this is permitted by the manufacturer.
- Do not allow workers to position themselves between overhead hazards, such as joists and beams, and the rails of the basket. Movement of the lift could crush the worker(s).
- Maintain a minimum clearance of at least 10 feet, or 3 meters, away from the nearest energized overhead lines.
- Always treat power lines, wires and other conductors as energized, even if they are down or appear to be insulated.
- Use a body harness or restraining belt with a lanyard attached to the boom or basket to prevent the worker(s) from being ejected or pulled from the basket.
- Set the brakes and use wheel chocks when on an incline.
- Use outriggers, if provided.
- Do not exceed the load limits of the equipment. Allow for the combined weight of the worker, tools and materials.

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