TOOLBOX TALKS

***Scaffold Safety!***

Scissor lifts are mobile supported scaffold work platforms used to safely move workers vertically and to different locations in a variety of industries including construction and manufacturing. Here are some ways to stay safe *every day.*

* Only **trained workers are allowed to use scissor lifts, and employers must make sure that those workers show that they can use a scissor lift properly.**
* Check to see that a guardrail system is in place before working on the scissor lift. Only stand on the work platform; never stand on the guardrails. Keep work within easy reach to avoid leaning away from the scissor lift.
* Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for safe movement—this usually rules out moving the lift in an elevated position.
* Select work locations with firm, level surfaces away from hazards that can cause instability (e.g., drop-offs, holes, slopes, bumps, ground obstructions, or debris).
* Use the scissor lift outside only when weather conditions are good. Scissor lifts rated for outdoor use are generally limited to wind speeds below 28 miles per hour (check with the manufacture).
* Select work locations that do not approach high voltage lines (e.g., power lines, transformers) by at least 20 feet.
* Test and inspect controls and components before each use of the scissor lift.
* Ensure that guardrail systems are in good working condition.
* Verify that brakes once set will hold the scissor lift in position.

Note: Discuss the company’s policy on how to report unsafe equipment or acts on your site.