

# MOCGA Tailgate Talk

# Bucket Truck Safety



**Introduction:** Bucket trucks expose workers to vehicle accidents, worker falls and electric shock. Vehicle accidents are the most common cause of worker fatality. Falls are the second most frequent cause of worker fatality. Workers are also exposed to overhead electrical hazards. Always wear seat belts, get training and authorization before using bucket trucks and wear fall protection gear when working from the bucket. Review this Tool Box Talk with employees that use or work near bucket trucks.

## BE SAFE!

**UNSAFE! ALWAYS USE FALL PROTECTION. WORKERS MAY FALL OUT OR BE THROWN!**



**ALWAYS READ WARNING LABELS. KNOW HOW TO USE EMERGENCY DECENT CONTROLS.**



**SET UP ON STABLE, LEVEL GROUND.**



### Safety Tips for Bucket Truck Crews

- ✓ Wear your seat belt when driving or riding in trucks.
- ✓ Drive boom trucks slowly & safely – they are top-heavy.
- ✓ Perform a good vehicle safety check before driving.
- ✓ Operators of boom trucks must be trained.
- ✓ Wear fall protection when working from a bucket. The boom could fail, causing the worker to be thrown or fall.
- ✓ Use short lanyards when working in the bucket – you can still be thrown out with long (6') lanyards.
- ✓ Always inspect fall protection before each use.
- ✓ Do not overload the rated boom lift capacity.
- ✓ Survey work areas for overhead power lines.
- ✓ Beware unintended power line contact.
- ✓ Minimum clearance for power lines is 10'.
- ✓ Wear appropriate gloves, hard hat, & eye protection.
- ✓ Never drive the truck with anyone in the bucket.
- ✓ Don't stand on boxes or crates when in the bucket.
- ✓ When the platform is elevated, remember events that could shock load the boom – wind, hydraulic failure, overloading, load shift or an object falls on the boom.
- ✓ Do not perform work or maintenance on boom trucks unless properly equipped, trained and authorized.
- ✓ Set up properly in traffic – use cones & protective devices to prevent the truck from being struck. Drivers today are distracted and may not see your vehicle until it's too late.

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