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OSHA's Top 10 Violations for 2010

Last month OSHA announced its top 10 most-cited violations for the 2010 fiscal year. The **number one violation**, for the second year in a row, was **scaffolding** however, all ten violations were all too common last year.

OSHA's directorate of enforcement programs explained that nearly 49 percent of all violations in 2010 were from the top 10 list. While the list is similar to previous years, many of the incident numbers have decreased.

This year scaffolding accounted for 8,371 violations, while the **second** most-cited violation of this year, **fall protection**, accounted for 7,559 violations. OSHA requires that any employee who is 4-feet or more from the ground requires protection .

Hazardous communication rounded out the **top-three** for the second year in a row, and accounted for 6,633 total violations. OSHA requires that all chemical manufacturers and importers evaluate the hazards of the chemicals they produce or import, and prepare labels and safety data sheets to convey the hazard information to their downstream customers. In addition, employers that use hazardous chemicals are required to have a written hazardous communication program .

The **number four** spot had significantly fewer violations than the top-three. **Respiratory Protection,** lung impairment, and other diseases. The rest of the list is as follows:

5. Ladders – 3,820 violations
6. Lockout/Tagout – 3,531 violations
7. Electrical – Wiring Methods – 3,381 violations
8. Powered Industrial Trucks – 3,224 violations
9. Electrical – General – 2,770 violations
10. Machine Guarding – 2,556 violations

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OSHA Standards for Top 10 Violations

The following is a list of the standards that are assigned to each of the top 10 violations . Becoming familiar with these standards may assist your organization in understanding how to be in compliance with OSHA and prevent workplace accidents.

1. 29 CFR 1926.451 – Scaffolding
2. 29 CFR 1926.501 – Fall Protection
3. 29 CFR 1910.1200 – Hazard Communication
4. 29 CFR 1910.134 – Respiratory Protection
5. 29 CFR 1926.1053 – Ladders
6. 29 CFR 1910.147 – Lockout/Tagout
7. 29 CFR 1910.305 – Electrical, Wiring Methods
8. 29 CFR 1910.178 – Powered Industrial Trucks
9. 29 CFR 1910.303 – Electrical, General Requirements
10. 29 CFR 1910.212 – Machine Guarding

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Nail Gun Safety

An estimated 37,000 individuals in the US are treated annually in hospital emergency rooms for nail gun injuries. Moreover, nail guns are responsible for the most tool-related hospital admissions for workers in the construction trades. About 98 percent of the cases involve males, and it's a 60-40 split between workers and consumers (e.g., weekend do-it-yourselfers) who sustain the puncture injuries.

In 2001 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a hazard alert to warn about the dangers of pneumatic nail guns. Recent accidents involving the use of pneumatic nail guns, have raised concerns about safe operating procedures. These injury accidents could have been easily prevented by adhering to the following simple safety procedures for the use of air nailers.

Always review the owner's manual carefully with all operators. Have someone who is familiar with the tool demonstrate safe operating procedures. Then have each employee take a turn on the tool, and watch how each one performs.

Always wear safety glasses.

Do not hold the trigger down unless you're purposefully firing the tool. This is especially important when descending ladders.

Keep people out of range of fire. Exercise extreme caution when using an air tool around another worker.

Never point the tool at anyone. Treat the tool like a firearm. Never assume the tool is empty.

Disconnect the air hose before clearing a jam or making adjustments.

Do not fire the tool unless the nose is firmly pressed against a work piece.

Use only compressed air to power the tool, not bottled gas. Do not exceed the manufacturer's specified air pressure for the tool, and never exceed 120 psi.

Keep your free hand safely out of the way of the tool.

Do not operate the tool around flammables.

Nail top to bottom when nailing wall sheathing in a vertical position.

Nail from the eaves to the ridge when nailing roof sheathing, this way you will not back off the edge of the roof.

Move forward, not backward, when nailing horizontal areas.

Secure the hose when working on scaffolding, to prevent the weight of the hose from dragging the tool off the scaffold if you set the tool down.

Trench and Excavation Safety

Trenching and Excavation Safety

About 400 workers die every year in the U.S. and about 6500 are seriously injured in trenching and excavation related accidents. If you are in a trench when a wall collapses you may get buried in soil very quickly. One cubic yard of dirt could weigh approximately 2,800 pounds, about the same as a small pickup truck. In addition to the obvious danger of getting buried by soil, there are other potential dangers when working in trenches, such as hazardous gas inhalation, falling objects, drowning, dangerous equipment and power sources like electricity. OSHA requires trench protection in all excavations and trenches deeper than five feet. However, even in excavations and trenches less than five feet deep, trench protection may be required depending on the soil type and presence of water.

Classification of Soil

OSHA classifies soil types into three categories A , B, and C. "A" being the most stable and "C" being the least stable. The competent person in charge of the job (person who has proper training to identify soil types and other excavation and trenching hazards and has the authority to take prompt action, including stopping of the job) has to identify the soil type and select the correct protective system for the trench or excavation.

Protective Systems

Sloping, benching, shoring and shielding are the main protective systems used. The type of the soil determines the sloping angle. Shoring is designed to prevent walls from collapsing. Shoring can be made out of timber or hydraulically or mechanically-operated metal jacks. Shielding or trench boxes are used to protect workers from collapsing walls. The tabulated data on the shoring and shielding provided by the manufacturer or the design professional engineer must be followed regardless of the soil classifications.

NIOSH has created an excellent free e-learning program that introduces trench safety and the benefits of having a trench safety program. The web site for this program is http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2006-133D/flash/index.html

State of Utah Consultation Services

State of Utah OSHA Consultation Services offers *FREE* 10 Hour Construction and General Industry Courses in combination with a *FREE* Safety and Health Survey

Consultation Services provides Utah Employers, at the employers' request and direction, a confidential, non-penalty approach to safety and health concerns in the workplace, at no-charge. We offer workplace safety and health services such as:

A safety and health walk-through survey

Help recognizing and correcting hazards

Recommend solutions for workplace safety and health problems

Safety and health program review

Industrial hygiene sampling

Safety and health training

Safety and health information/ resources

Contact UOSH Consultation To Schedule Your Survey at (801) 530-6855 or by email UOSHconsultationprogram@utah.gov

2011 Schedule

10 Hour Occupational Safety and Health Training

Construction	General Industry
September 21, 22	November 9, 10

Each employee that completes the 10 hour training will be issued a US Department of Labor 10 Hour Occupational Safety and Health Training Course card, issued by the U.S. Department of Labor. An employee must attend all 10 hours to receive the card. Classes begin at 11:30 PM and end at 5:00 PM. All classes will be held in the UOSH Conference Room on the third floor of the Heber Wells Building (160 East 300 South) Salt Lake City. Call Jamie for further details: (801) 530-6855 or by email UOSHconsultationprogram@utah.gov

Health and Wellness

Bloodborne Pathogens and Needle Stick Prevention

Needle stick injuries and other sharps-related injuries which expose workers to blood borne pathogens continues to be an important public health concern. Workers in many different occupations are at risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens, including Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV/AIDS. First aid team members, housekeeping personnel in some settings, nurses and other healthcare providers are examples of workers who may be at risk of exposure.

The OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens standard, 29 CFR Part 1910.1030, defines requirements to protect workers from occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens. If it is reasonably anticipated that, in the course of their normal job duties, employees could be exposed to human blood/body fluids, then they must be trained in the requirements of the standard.

Some of the actions required of employers are:
- establish a written exposure control plan identifying at-risk workers
- specify means to protect and train them
- implement engineering controls
- implement work practice controls
- provide PPE and enforce its use
- offer Hepatitis B vaccination and post exposure follow-up

Universal Precautions is OSHA's required method of control to protect employees from exposure to all human blood and bodily fluids. The term "Universal Precautions", refers to a concept of blood borne disease control which requires that all human blood and certain body fluids are treated as if known to be infectious for HIV, HBV, and other bloodborne pathogens.

Safety Compliance Corner

What are bloodborne pathogens?

Blood borne pathogens are microorganisms in human blood or certain body fluids that cause disease in humans. The most common ones are the hepatitis B virus (HBV), which causes a severe form of Hepatitis in some or acts as a carrier in others, and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS

What should I do if I am stuck by a needle or get exposed to bodily fluids in the work place?

If you are stuck by a needle, or other sharp, or get blood, or other potentially infectious materials in your eyes, nose, mouth, or on broken skin, immediately flood the exposed area with water and clean any wound with soap and water or a skin disinfectant if available. Report this immediately to your employer and seek immediate medical attention.

OSHA® FactSheet

OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens Standard

Bloodborne pathogens are infectious microorganisms present in blood that can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS. Workers exposed to bloodborne pathogens are at risk for serious or life-threatening illnesses.

Protections Provided by OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens Standard

All of the requirements of OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens standard can be found in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations at 29 CFR 1910.1030. The standard's requirements state what employers must do to protect workers who are occupationally exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM), as defined in the standard. That is, the standard protects workers who can reasonably be anticipated to come into contact with blood or OPIM as a result of doing their job duties.

In general, the standard requires employers to:

- **Establish an exposure control plan.** This is a written plan to eliminate or minimize occupational exposures. The employer must prepare an exposure determination that contains a list of job classifications in which all workers have occupational exposure and a list of job classifications in which some workers have occupational exposure, along with a list of the tasks and procedures performed by those workers that result in their exposure.
- **Employers must update the plan annually** to reflect changes in tasks, procedures, and positions that affect occupational exposure, and also technological changes that eliminate or reduce occupational exposure. In addition, employers must annually document in the plan that they have considered and begun using appropriate, commercially-available effective safer medical devices designed to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure. Employers must also document that they have solicited input from frontline workers in identifying, evaluating, and selecting effective engineering and work practice controls.
- **Implement the use of universal precautions** (treating all human blood and OPIM as if known to be infectious for bloodborne pathogens).
- **Identify and use engineering controls.** These are devices that isolate or remove the bloodborne pathogens hazard from the workplace. They include sharps disposal containers, self-sheathing needles, and safer medical devices, such as sharps with engineered sharps-injury protection and needleless systems.
- **Identify and ensure the use of work practice controls.** These are practices that reduce the possibility of exposure by changing the way a task is performed, such as appropriate practices for handling and disposing of contaminated sharps, handling specimens, handling laundry, and cleaning contaminated surfaces and items.
- **Provide personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, gowns, eye protection, and masks.** Employers must clean, repair, and replace this equipment as needed. Provision, maintenance, repair and replacement are at no cost to the worker.
- **Make available hepatitis B vaccinations to all workers with occupational exposure.** This vaccination must be offered after the worker has received the required bloodborne pathogens training and within 10 days of initial assignment to a job with occupational exposure.
- **Make available post-exposure evaluation and follow-up to any occupationally exposed worker who experiences an exposure incident.** An exposure incident is a specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, non-intact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or OPIM. This evaluation and follow-up must be at no cost to the worker and includes documenting the route(s) of exposure and the circumstances

under which the exposure incident occurred; identifying and testing the source individual for HBV and HIV infectivity, if the source individual consents or the law does not require consent; collecting and testing the exposed worker's blood, if the worker consents; offering post-exposure prophylaxis; offering counseling; and evaluating reported illnesses. The healthcare professional will provide a limited written opinion to the employer and all diagnoses must remain confidential.

- **Use labels and signs to communicate hazards.** Warning labels must be affixed to containers of regulated waste; containers of contaminated reusable sharps; refrigerators and freezers containing blood or OPIM; other containers used to store, transport, or ship blood or OPIM; contaminated equipment that is being shipped or serviced; and bags or containers of contaminated laundry, except as provided in the standard. Facilities may use red bags or red containers instead of labels. In HIV and HBV research laboratories and production facilities, signs must be posted at all access doors when OPIM or infected animals are present in the work area or containment module.

- **Provide information and training to workers.** Employers must ensure that their workers receive regular training that covers all elements of the standard including, but not limited to: information on bloodborne pathogens and diseases, methods used to control occupational exposure, hepatitis B vaccine, and medical evaluation and post-exposure follow-up procedures. Employers must offer this training on initial assignment, at least annually thereafter, and when new or modified tasks or procedures affect a worker's occupational exposure. Also, HIV and HBV laboratory and production facility workers must receive specialized initial training, in addition to the training provided to all workers with occupational exposure. Workers must have the opportunity to ask the trainer questions. Also, training must be presented at an educational level and in a language that workers understand.

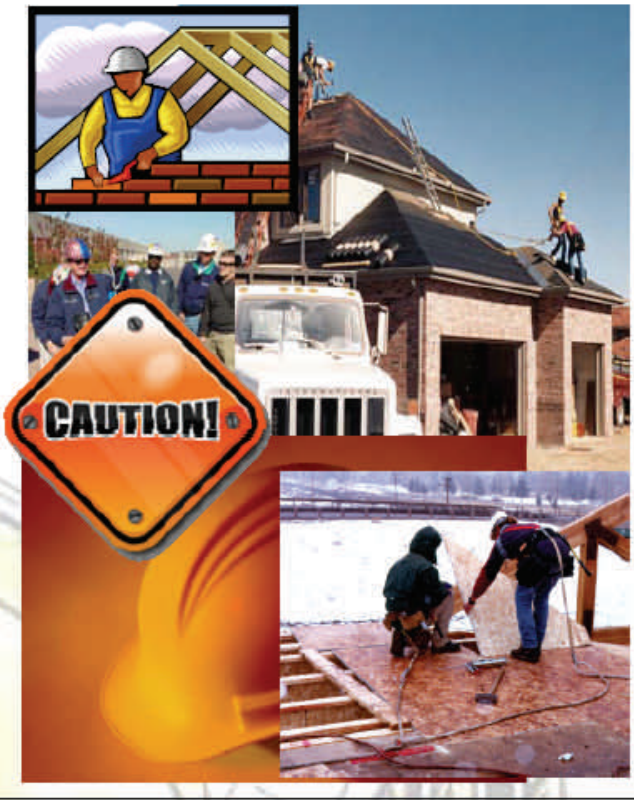
- **Maintain worker medical and training records.** The employer also must maintain a sharps injury log, unless it is exempt under Part 1904 -- Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Additional Information

For more information, go to OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens and Needlestick Prevention Safety and Health Topics web page at: https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/index.html.

To file a complaint by phone, report an emergency, or get OSHA advice, assistance, or products, contact your nearest OSHA office under the "U.S. Department of Labor" listing in your phone book, or call us toll-free at (800) **321-OSHA** (6742).

UTAH STATE OSHA ANNOUNCES THE BIG 4 CONSTRUCTION EMPHASIS INSPECTION INITIATIVE



IDENTIFY + CORRECT HAZARDS = NO INJURIES

The Utah Labor Commission Occupational Safety and Health (Utah OSHA) announces the Big 4 Safety Initiative with emphasis on safety at construction job sites statewide. The Big 4 initiative, starting on May of this year, is designed to help identify and eliminate safety and health hazards at construction job sites associated with the four major causes of fatalities and injuries in the state of Utah:

1. **Falls from elevations (e.g., floors, platforms, roofs).**
2. **Struck by (e.g., falling objects, vehicles).**
3. **Caught in/between (e.g., excavation/trench cave-ins, unguarded machinery, and equipment).**
4. **Electrical (e.g., overhead power lines, power tools, cords, outlets, temporary wiring).**

Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHO's) will visit construction job sites to:

A. **Determine if serious hazards or imminent danger situations are present at the job site. If those hazards or imminent danger exist, then a case opening conference will be conducted and the inspection process will begin, as prescribed by Section R614-1-7.G of the Utah Code.**

B. **Determine if Citations and proposed penalties need to be issued for alleged serious violations found during the inspection of the job site, as prescribed by Utah Code R614-1-7.**

C. **In the case serious hazards or violations are not observed, or found and an effective safety program is in place, the CSHO will conduct only an on site assistance intervention.**

Utah OSHA remains committed to the safety and health of Utah's men and women working in the construction industry. For more information, visit www.uosh.utah.gov or contact Utah OSHA Compliance at (801) 530- 6901, or Utah OSHA Consultation at (801) 530-6855.

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SAFETY NOTICE

110002

Date: June 27, 2011

Models and Serial Numbers Affected:
S-40 : 832 to 16027
S-45 : 832 to 16027

Subject: Floor Loading Information

Allowable Hours: 30 minutes

Issue:

Genie Industries has determined that the above referenced machines were produced with the wrong floor loading information in the operator's manuals and on the decals. This information indicates that the maximum wheel load is less than the actual maximum wheel load. **Incorrect floor loading information may result in the user operating the machine on a surface that is not capable of supporting the maximum wheel load.**

Action Required:

This bulletin requires replacement of the operating instructions manual and wheel load decals on the above referenced machines.

1. Locate all machines within the serial number ranges shown above.
   Note: Enclosed is a list of affected machines under your account.
2. Locate and destroy any hard copies or electronic files in your inventory for the operator's manuals listed below:

   P/N 43645 (2nd edition, 8th printing and previous versions)

   P/N 82500 (3rd edition, 3rd printing and previous versions)

   P/N 1000056 (4th edition, 2nd printing and previous versions)

   P/N 133027 (5th edition, 1st printing)

   P/N 133026 (5th edition, 1st printing)

   P/N 133552 (6th edition, 1st printing)

Note: You can download the latest version of the Operating Instructions Manual from the Genie website located @ http://www.genieindustries.com/operator_manuals.asp

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

Petzl America Recalls Scorpio and Absorbica Safety Lanyards due to Fall Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Scorpio and Absorbica Shock Absorbing Lanyards

Units: About 375,000 units worldwide

Importer: Petzl America Inc., of Clearfield, Utah

Hazard: Some lanyards are missing a safety stitch on the attachment loop, which can cause the lanyard to disconnect from the climbing harness, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

Incident/Injuries: None in U.S.; one fall injury in France.

Description: This recall affects all Scorpio and Absorbica lanyards manufactured before May 2011.

> **Scorpio:** Affected Scorpio lanyards manufactured between 2002 and 2005 are model numbers L60 and L60 CK. These are yellow and blue, Y-shaped lanyards with yellow stitching on both ends. They are connected by a metal O-ring to one end of a blue pouch which contains the tear-webbing shock absorber. The pouch has a tag on it with the word "PETZL" in white letters. The other end of the blue pouch has a blue and yellow webbing attachment loop that connects to the climbing harness. Affected Scorpio lanyards manufactured between 2005 and 2011 are model numbers L60 2, L60 2CK, L60 H, L60 WL. These are red, Y-shaped lanyards connected by a black metal O-ring to one end of a grey zippered pouch which contains the tear-webbing shock absorber. The other end of the pouch has a black webbing attachment loop that connects to the climber's harness.
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> **Absorbica:** Absorbica comes in several models with varying lanyard configurations and several different connector options. Affected model numbers are L70150 I, L70150 IM, L70150 Y, L70150 YM, L57, L58, L58 MGO, L59, and L59 MGO. The lanyards have a black zippered pouch with yellow trim and the Petzl logo on the side. All have a common tear-webbing shock absorber accessible through the zippered pouch. This zippered pouch has a connector attachment on one end. The other end can have a connector attachment, a single lanyard or a Y-shaped lanyard. All lanyard options are constructed of black nylon webbing or rope and have either a connector attachment point or a snap hook connector sewn directly to the lanyard.

Sold at: Authorized Petzl dealers nationwide and in Canada from January 2002 through May 2011 for $75 to $220.

Manufactured in: France

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the lanyards and contact Petzl America Inc. for a free inspection and replacement of any non-conforming products.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Petzl America Inc. at (877) 740-3826 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT, Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.petzl.com

SCORPIO L60 2005 to Present

SCORPIO L60 2002 to 2005

ABSORBICA L57 basic (left) and in its various configurations (right)

Student Worker Killed While Filming Football Practice from a Scissor Lift

Incident

During the Fall 2010 college football season, a student who was also an employee of the University of Notre Dame was killed while filming the school's football team practice from a scissor lift. A scissor lift is a portable, hydraulic-powered lift with a platform that can be raised into the air directly above the base. Reportedly, the worker, who had not been trained to properly operate the scissor lift, raised the lift over 39 feet into the air to film the practice. The wind gusts that day were more than 50 miles per hour. The high winds blew the lift over, killing the worker.

The scissor lift shown above is an example and is included for illustrative purposes only. It is not the specific lift involved in the incident described in this Hazard Alert.

Hazards

Organizations that have workers, including students who are employees, who use scissor lifts to film events and functions must address the hazards associated with this equipment. These hazards can include:

- The lift falling over or a worker slipping off the platform if the lift is:
  - used during bad weather or high winds
  - positioned on soft or uneven ground, or on weak utility covers (e.g., underground sprinkler valve boxes)
  - overloaded with heavy objects
  - used with guardrails removed
  - driven over uneven, unstable ground, or surface in poor condition, with the lift in an elevated position, or
  - used with brakes that are not properly set
- A worker being electrocuted if the lift makes contact with electrical lines.

How to Reduce Hazards

- Establish and follow safe work practices that include, but are not limited to:
  - Inspecting controls and components before use
  - Selecting work locations with firm and level surfaces away from hazards that can cause the lift to be unstable (e.g., drop-offs or holes, slopes, bumps or ground obstructions, or debris)
  - Selecting work locations that are clear of electrical power sources (e.g., power lines, transformers) – by at least 10 feet – and other overhead hazards (e.g., other utilities, branches, overhangs, etc.)
  - Operating lifts only during weather conditions that are safe for use (e.g., not in high winds, rain, snow, sleet, etc.)
  - Moving the lift to/from a work location safely, with the lift lowered, unless following safe practices allowed by the manufacturer
  - Setting the breaks and stabilizing the lift before raising it
  - Ensuring that the lift is not overloaded
  - Working safely from the lift (e.g., do not remove guardrails or stand on them for extra height)
  - Reporting problems and malfunctions
- Train workers on, and make sure workers follow, established safe work practices and manufacturers' recommendations for operating scissor lifts safely
- Allow only trained workers to use scissor lifts, and make sure those workers show they can use a scissor lift properly
- Make sure that the scissor lift has a guardrail system that protects workers from falling, and
- Test, inspect, and maintain scissor lifts according to the manufacturer's recommendations

WASHINGTON – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today issued a hazard alert about the dangers of using scissor lifts to film events and functions. Scissor lifts are portable, hydraulic-powered lifts that are commonly used by colleges and high schools to film athletic and band activities.

Last October, a 20-year-old University of Notre Dame student employee was killed while filming the team's football practice from a scissor lift that was blown over by high winds. The worker, who reportedly was not trained to properly operate the equipment, raised the lift more than 39 feet into the air on a day in which winds exceeded 50 miles per hour.

The alert lists hazards associated with scissor lifts such as using the equipment during high winds or bad weather; overloading the equipment with heavy objects; removing the guardrails during operation; and driving the lift on uneven or unstable ground.

Employers can minimize scissor lift hazards by establishing safe work practices, including inspecting the lift before use; safely moving, positioning, and stabilizing the lift; selecting safe work locations; and identifying weather conditions that prevent use. Additional key safety practices include putting the scissor lift on a firm level surface, setting brakes and stabilizing the lift before raising it, and maintaining a 10 foot clearance from electrical power sources and overhead hazards such as tree branches.

Hazards can be further reduced by training workers on how to operate scissor lifts safely, making sure that the scissor lift has a guardrail system for fall protection, and operating and maintaining the lift according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

OSHA's Scaffolding eTool and Safety and Health Topics page on Scaffolding provide additional guidance on the hazards and requirements for using scissor lifts. OSHA also provides free On-Site Consultation for small business employers who want to create or improve their safety and health management systems. Employers can visit OSHA's Web site to find the closest OSHA Consultation Office or call 1-800-321-6742. Additionally, local OSHA offices also have Compliance Assistance Specialists who can provide employers with information about the agency's standards and compliance assistance resources. Additional information on Workers' Rights and Employer Responsibilities is available on OSHA's Workers Page.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit http://www.osha.gov.