

VEHICLE MOUNTED ELEVATING AND ROTATING WORK PLATFORMS – INSTRUCTOR NOTES

Training Objectives

Review the hazards of operating Platforms and the importance of following safe operation by developing an awareness of the key hazards of operation

Before Training

- Read the OSHA standards and the model Vehicle Mounted Elevating and Rotating Work Platform program
- Understand the following:
 - This an overview program only, it does not contain all of the necessary information for safe operation. It is critical that you and each student have access, read and understand the Manufacturer Safety Manual (for each specific piece of equipment).
 - In addition to classroom training, Platform operators should be given hands-on training supervised by a person qualified by experience, training or education to provide guidance and oversight.
 - The model program is written to require that operators be given a written and operational test prior to work assignment
 - The student should receive hands-on training and be qualified on each type of Platform that s/he will be operating
- Have the Platform available to familiarize students with nomenclature, demonstrate inspection techniques and demonstrate unit capabilities

Introduction for Training

- Begin by stressing the overall importance of safety in your facility
- Review how the Platform is used
- Use the Platform as a training aid and provide an explanation of operation, inspection, etc.
- As a ground breaker, you can ask employees what experience they have had using similar equipment in past jobs

General Guidelines

- Stress the importance of the bullet points on these slides
- Stress the importance of the individual employee being committed to his/her own safety
- Be sure to be open to questions or comments
- Explain the responsibility aspect of being a Platform operator: responsibility for their own safety as well as that of others in the area (you can draw the comparison to the responsibility of driving a car)
- Provide the opportunity to inspect and operate the Platform
- Review the handout for further training

Student Exercise

- Provide personnel with a demonstration of the Platform or give them the opportunity to “ride” the basket as it is elevated and/or rotated