

Scissor Lift Safety

Pre-Operation Safety Checklist

This sample checklist has been developed by the Indiana Department of Labor's INSafe OSHA consultation division to assist employers in the successful development and implementation of an effective occupational safety and health management system.

The purpose of this checklist is to serve as a convenient tool for employers to obtain compliance with OSHA standards. This checklist is not inclusive of all pre-operation requirements, nor a replacement of the equipment manufacturer operator's manual. This checklist should be customized by employers to meet their respective needs. This checklist does not alter or determine compliance responsibilities, which are set forth in OSHA standards and in the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act) of 1970.

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- Review obstacles around the work platform and in the path of lift's travel including the following:
 - Holes
 - Drop-offs/loading docks
 - Debris (i.e. tools, extension cord and other work materials)
 - Ditches
 - Potholes and other depressions
 - Soft/uneven ground or fill
 - Slopes
 - Other moving vehicles/cranes
- Review overhead clearances, including the following:
 - Beams
 - Pipes
 - Power lines
 - Trees
- The lift's emergency stop button, and if equipped, the emergency lowering device are appropriately labeled and in good working order.
- The lift's guardrails, mid-rails, chain or bar is appropriately in place.
- The lift's tires are not damaged or in need of repair.
- If the lift will be operated outdoors, review the weather to ensure there are no known adverse conditions for the day.

This checklist is not all-inclusive, please also reference the lift manufacturer's operator manual for information specific concerning the safe operational use of your equipment.

Lift operator's notes should be placed in the section below.