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Q. I do building maintenance for a retail company. I have a variety of projects – some require the use of a forklift. But I also use a scissor lift for some of the tasks. Does the forklift safety training class I attended cover the training requirements for the scissor lift, too?

A. No. Forklifts and scissor lifts have distinct operating characteristics. Forklifts are meant to handle materials while scissors are used to lift people to overhead work areas. In addition, there are separate standards, laws and safety regulations for each type of equipment.

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Halloween Safety

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Annual Aerial Inspections: Are They Mandatory?



In order to comply with ANSI standards and the OSHA General Duty Clause, an annual inspection must be performed on all aerial work platforms. The following can be found in "Section 6 – Responsibilities of Owners" in the *ANSI Manual of Responsibilities*.

Section 6.7 ANNUAL INSPECTION

The owner of an aerial platform shall ensure that an annual inspection is performed on the aerial platform no later than 13 months from the date of the prior annual inspection. The inspection shall be performed by a person(s) qualified as a mechanic on the specific make and model of the aerial platform. The inspection shall include all items specified by the manufacturer for an annual inspection.

Section 6.15 RECORD RETENTION

6.15.1 Record Retention. The owner shall date and retain the following records for at least 4 years:

- (1) Name and address of the purchaser of each aerial platform by serial number and date of delivery;
- (2) Written records of the frequent and annual inspections and repairs performed. The record shall include deficiencies found, corrective action accomplished and identification of the person(s) performing the inspection and repairs.
- (3) Written records of repairs accomplished and identification of the person(s) performing the repairs

What's That Sticker for?

You may have seen a decal or sticker on your work platform like the one shown below. This sticker is a quick way to tell whether or not your unit has had its annual inspection.

WARNING								
DO NOT OPERATE OR USE THIS AERIAL WORK PLATFORM IF A RECORDED INSPECTION HAS NOT BEEN PERFORMED WITHIN 13 MONTHS OF THE LAST INSPECTION								
SERIAL NUMBER			MODEL NUMBER					
RECORDING YEAR	1	2	3	3	5	6	7	8
RECORDING DATE								
OWNERS NAME								
INSPECTED BY								
USING OR OPERATING AN UNINSPECTED AERIAL WORK PLATFORM COULD CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY!								

Is your sticker missing? Need an annual inspection on your unit? Give us a call. Our service representatives can assist with all your inspections and maintenance needs.

National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries: Key Findings for 2008



The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently released key findings for fatal occupational injuries in 2008. While the 2008 results for total fatal work injuries are preliminary, this figure represents the smallest annual preliminary total since the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) program was first introduced in 1992. Some of the key findings are listed below.

- There were 5,071 fatal work injuries in the United States in 2008, a decrease from the 2007 total of 5,657
- On the job, there were 3.6 deaths per 100,000 workers, down from 4.0 in 2007
- Overall, 90% of fatalities involved workers in the private industry.
- Construction incurred the most fatalities of any industry in the private sector in 2008; however, construction fatalities declined 20% from 1,204 cases in 2007 to 969 cases in 2008
- Fatalities rose 11% among private sector workers in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting

Economic factors likely played a role in the fatality decrease. Also, certain reporting agencies may have been impacted by budget constraints and information may have been delayed and therefore not included in these figures. Final figures will be available in April 2010. For more information, visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics website at www.bls.gov

The Right Stuff

Part of working safely includes using the right tools or equipment for the job. Sometimes accidents happen because a worker is using the wrong equipment. Our team of equipment specialists will be happy to provide you with a professional evaluation to help you make an informed decision about equipment needs. Give us a call and we'll make sure you have "the right stuff" to do the job safely.



Five Second Safety Tip



When traveling through work zones, pay attention to signs, workers and changes in traffic patterns. Avoid distractions, don't tailgate, don't speed and be patient!