

Bucket trucks are one of many types of aerial lift devices used to allow workers to gain access to heights. They're used for such activities as utility maintenance, tree-trimming, and sign erection and repair. But while bucket trucks extend access to many areas, their use exposes workers to risks including falls and electrical shock or electrocution. To help prevent accidents while using bucket trucks, it's important for operators and workers to know the hazards and take steps for avoiding or controlling those hazards.

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Key Training Points:

- Know and understand the basics of the equipment design and operation.
- Inspect equipment daily before putting the vehicle in service.
- Plan the job ahead of time. Inspect the work site; look for hazards, and set up equipment accordingly.
- Make sure the truck is on a stable surface and able to adequately support the aerial device.
- Make sure the path is clear for the rotation of the boom.
- Be aware of high voltage overhead lines. Always ground or barricade your truck, and maintain safe clearances from energized lines.
- * Avoid exceeding load limits.
- When working at heights, wear a safety harness and lanyard attached to the boom or basket. Follow safe work practices to help prevent falls.
- Follow safe precautions when traveling. Avoid repositioning the truck with a worker in the basket or the boom elevated.

Answers: 1. D, 2. A 3. D 4. C, 5. False