

APPENDIX J

Bucket Truck Policy

Safety Check – Daily

The operator of the vehicle will conduct a safety/"circle check" of the vehicle to determine hazards, identify damage and leaks

The "daily check" will include but is not limited to a visual inspection of the vehicle exterior, including:

- broken, damaged, loose or missing parts
- tire bulges, cuts and pressure
- oil and hydraulic leaks
- weld integrity, such as cracks and rust
- lighting (beam, directional and safety)
- all required decals and stickers on or around the articulating boom must be in place, legible and understandable

Worksite Inspection

- Do not park on uneven ground
- Keep an eye out for drop-offs, holes, bumps, and debris
- Do not operate the boom if wind gusts exceed 30 mph or there is a threat of an electrical storm
- Set emergency brake
- Position wheel chocks
- Look out for overhead obstructions/hazards
- All necessary traffic control devices shall be installed before work begins, and must be maintained during the entire work period

Fall Hazards

- Always keep feet on the floor of bucket
- Do not sit, stand, or climb on the edge of the bucket

- Do not place any item in the bucket for the purpose of increasing work height (ladders, step stools)
- Do not climb down from the bucket when it is raised
- Make sure bucket floor is clear of debris
- **ALWAYS WEAR FALL PROTECTION AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT!** This equipment shall be full body harness with lanyard attached to the anchor point. Approved hard hat for the particular work performed; safety clothes (long pants and long sleeved shirt); work boots, approved gloves and safety glasses or face shield depending upon the operation

Tip-Over Hazards

- Do not push or pull toward anything while raised in the bucket
- Do not carry ladders, etc. in bucket
- Do not exceed the 300 lb. load capacity of bucket
- Do not move the truck when bucket is raised
- Do not operate in windy conditions
- Make sure truck is parked on even ground.
- Make sure the outriggers are positioned properly
- Never use the bucket truck as a crane

Bucket Truck Collision Hazards

- Watch for traffic and beware of blind spots when driving the truck - take it SLOW
- Watch for overhead obstructions
- Travel very slow on bumpy or sloped ground and when driving near other workers or pedestrians

Electrocution Hazards

- Maintain safe clearances from power lines and apparatus. No aerial platform, insulated or not, provides any electrical protection to the occupant if there is phase-to-phase or phase-to-ground contact

Improper Use

- Never leave the truck unattended unless the key is taken out and the truck is secured from unauthorized users
- Never refuel the truck when the engine is running
- NEVER USE A DAMAGED MACHINE