

## Scissor Lift Certification Victoria

Scissor Lift Certification Victoria - Scissor lift platforms are used at work sites in order to allow tradespeople - like masons, iron workers and welders - to reach their work. Using a scissor lift platform is normally secondary to their trade. Thus, it is important that all platform operators be well trained and certified. Industry, lift manufacturers and regulators all work together to be able to ensure that operators are trained in safely utilizing work platforms.

Work platforms are otherwise referred to as manlifts or AWP's. These machines are stable and easy to operate, though there is always some risk because they raise people to heights. The following are several important safety issues common to AWP's:

In order to protect people working around work platforms from accidental discharge of power because of close working proximities to wires and power lines, there is a minimum safe approach distance (MSAD). Voltage can arc across the air and cause injury to workers on a work platform if MSAD is not observed.

Caution should be taken when lowering a work platform to guarantee steadiness. The boom must be retracted, when you move the load toward the turntable. This will help maintain stability if the platform is lowered.

The rules about tie offs do not mandate those working on a scissor lift to tie themselves off. Various organizations will however, require their workers to tie off in their employer guidelines, local regulations or job-specific risk assessment. The manufacturer-provided anchorage is the only safe anchorage to which harness and lanyard combinations must be attached.

Observe the maximum slope rating and do not go over it. A grade could be measured by laying a board or straight edge on the slope. After that, a carpenter's level can be placed on the straight edge and raised until the end is level. By measuring the distance to the ground and dividing the rise by the straight edge's length, then multiplying by 100, the per cent slope can be determined.

A typical walk-around check should be done to determine if the unit is mechanically safe. A location assessment determines if the work area is safe. This is essential particularly on changing construction sites due to the chance of obstacles, contact with power lines and unimproved surfaces. A function test must be done. If the unit is used safely and properly and correct shutdown measures are followed, the chances of accidents are greatly lessened.