Operate Safely

Raise and Lower Safely
Make sure machine is on firm level ground before raising the platform. If so equipped, make sure extendible axles, outriggers, or stabilizers are fully extended. Outriggers or stabilizers may require blocking to provide a stable load bearing surface. (Refer to manufacturers’ manual(s) for recommendations and restrictions.) Always check clearance on both sides of the machine before extending outriggers, stabilizers or axles.

WARNING! Always check clearances above, below and on all sides before raising, lowering or rotating the platform. If applicable, also check turntable, counterweight and attachment clearances. Failure to do so could result in death or serious injury to yourself and/or others.

WARNING! If platform or any part of machine becomes entangled with an adjacent structure, do not attempt to free machine by operating platform controls. Call for assistance from the appropriate qualified personnel to free the machine.

WARNING! Never attach wire, cable or similar items to the platform. Should they tangle or catch on a fixed object, your machine could tip over.

WARNING! Never alter, remove or substitute any item which would reduce the overall weight or base stability of your machine. Items include counterweights, foam filled tires, batteries, etc.

WARNING! When lowering the platform to the ground from the lower control station, the operator must remain clear of the descending platform and other movable parts of the machine.
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When the platform has been raised into the working position, be extremely cautious to prevent any object from striking or interfering with the operating controls. Secure all tools, equipment or other materials placed on the platform to keep them from shifting or falling. Keep ropes, electrical cords and hoses coiled and stowed away when not in use.

WARNING! Keep the platform floor clear of debris and loose objects which might cause you to slip and could result in death or serious injury.

Always use an aerial platform appropriate for the task and conditions.

WARNING! Never use ladders, planks, steps or other devices to provide additional reach or gain greater height.

Do not lean over or sit or climb on the platform railing. Always keep both feet on the platform floor at all times.

WARNING! Never tie off to an adjacent structure when working from an aerial platform.

WARNING! Never allow anyone to tamper with, service, or operate a machine from the lower control station while personnel are in the platform, except in an emergency.

IMPORTANT! The structure of the aerial platform must not be used as a welding ground. Disconnect both battery leads before performing any welding operations.
Load and Unload Your Machine Safely

Transport Safely

When transporting the aerial platform on a truck or trailer, know the overall height to avoid contacting overhead obstructions such as bridges, power lines, etc.

Refer to manufacturer’s manual(s) when preparing your machine for transport. Make sure all tie downs and blocks are in place and the platform is completely lowered and secured in the stowed position.

When transporting the aerial platform with a forklift, use forklift pockets (if equipped) or lifting points designated on the aerial platform or in the manufacturer’s manual(s).

If your machine is to be hauled, refer to the manufacturer’s manual for loading procedures. Check truck and ramp capacities and grade of incline.

Never raise, swing, or rotate the boom or platform when a machine is loaded on a truck for transporting.

Do not tow a machine without referring to the manufacturer’s manual for specific towing instructions.
Shut Down Safely

Safe Parking
Park your machine in a designated area or out of traffic and only on level ground.

Safe Shutdown
Properly shutting down an aerial platform can help prevent accidents from occurring when the machine is left unattended. Shut down the aerial platform following the specific procedures in the manufacturer’s operator’s manual. These procedures will normally include:
— Travel to a suitable parking area.
— Place platform in stowed position.
— Come to a full stop.
— Place controls in neutral.
— Idle engine for gradual cooling.
— Shut off engine or electrical power.
— Take necessary steps to prevent unauthorized use in accordance with the manufacturer’s instruction manual.

Safe Dismounting
Never dismount from a moving machine. Observe proper shutdown practices before dismounting.

Dismount carefully using three point contact and face the machine. Check for slippery steps. Keep your feet and hands away from the controls. Never jump off the machine.

Before You Do Anything Else
If your aerial platform becomes disabled, attach a warning tag to upper control station and lower control station (if so equipped). If the equipment should not be started, take necessary steps to prevent unauthorized use in accordance with the manufacturer’s instruction manual.