



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Aerial Lift Self Rescue Safety Message

Aerial lifts increase the safety and productivity of working aloft. However, aerial lifts can put an operators into an environment that could test their knowledge and/or competence level beyond their capacity. Do your operators know what to do if they are stranded in an aerial lift that quits working while they are fifty feet in the air?

Consider the following five points to improve the safe use of aerial lift units in your organization.

1. Develop and document current policies and procedures for aerial lift hydraulic malfunction.
2. Ensure that aerial lift units are inspected and maintained regularly.
3. Make sure your aerial lift unit has an electric hydraulic override that is functional.
4. Be prepared by outfitting your aerial lift with a **'self rescue kit' or 'evacuation kit'**.
5. Provide training in the operation of your aerial lift units and the rescue of operators.

Emergency preparedness on the job means being prepared to deal with emergencies to the best of everyone's ability. Training, preparation and planning are all necessary in order to be ready to handle a self-rescue scenario from an aerial lift unit.

**Safety is everyone's responsibility.**