

# SAFE WORK PRACTICES

## SCISSOR LIFT

*\*This information does not take precedence over OH&S. All employees should be familiar with the Saskatchewan Employment Act and the OH&S Regulations.*

Before operating your lift, ***THINK SAFETY!***

- Know your equipment. Learn the operation, application and limitations as well as the specific and potential hazards of the equipment before operating it. Refer to the operating manual if necessary. Have someone with experience assist you before using the equipment on your own.
  - Wear adequate PPE and keep observers at a safe distance from the work area.
1. **Primary Safety Device:** The primary element for ensuring the safety of personnel and equipment is a ***safety orientated operator***.
  2. **Safety Check:** Before operating your lift, be sure the unit is equipped with the standard safety devices such as guard rails and kick plates. Also, check the hydraulic system hoses and fittings for visible leaks and tighten fittings and adapters as necessary.
  3. **Lifting Capacity:** Do not attempt to exceed the rated lifting capacity of your unit. The serial number identification tag and the supplemental capacity labels affixed to the lift show the maximum platform capacity.
  4. **Operation:** Before operating your lift, become familiar with the safe and proper use of the operating controls, safety devices, emergency lowering valve and other operator information provided in the operator's manual.
  5. **Platform Equipment:** Do not operate the unit without the guard rail and kick plates provided for your safety. Also, do not use safety rails to store or haul equipment and tools. Don't allow materials being elevated to overhang the platform excessively.
  6. **Reaching:** The large, roomy platform on Mite-E-Lifts and their ease of positioning makes reaching the overhead work safe and easy. Do not jeopardize your safety by standing on the platform railings attempting to gain extra reach, and do not use a ladder or similar device on the lift platform railings. Don't lean way out over the platform railings.