

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

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

1. Ensure that the platform is installed and maintained according to OH&S Regulations, standards and manufacturer's specifications.
2. Inspect all equipment before each shift and before erecting.
3. Use a safety harness attached to an independent life line. Maintain lanyard attachment at highest point possible.
4. Ensure that suspended platform roof beams and attachments are secure.
5. Ensure that the roof or parapet wall is structurally sound to support either outriggers or cornice hooks.
6. Check for kinked or damaged supporting ropes.
7. Secure all ropes at anchor ends.
8. Ensure that all safety equipment, stops, override switches and brakes function.
9. Prevent contact between welding or grinding equipment and wire safety or suspension ropes.
10. Secure hand tools to the platform.
11. Ensure that power source is secured and properly guarded.
12. Secure platform when not in use.
13. Ensure that guardrails and toe boards are in place.
14. Extend suspension ropes completely to the ground or terminate with wire rope clips. This prevents the stage from running off the end of the ropes.
15. Test by raising the fully loaded platform a few feet off the ground before going aloft.

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DON'T:

- Exceed platform rated load capacity.
- Enter or leave the platform other than at ground level or at other safe access points.
- Allow electric cables or connections to lie in gutters or other areas where water can collect.
- Join platforms unless they are designed to be joined.
- Use damaged or defective equipment.
- Use life line for raising or lowering tools or material.

