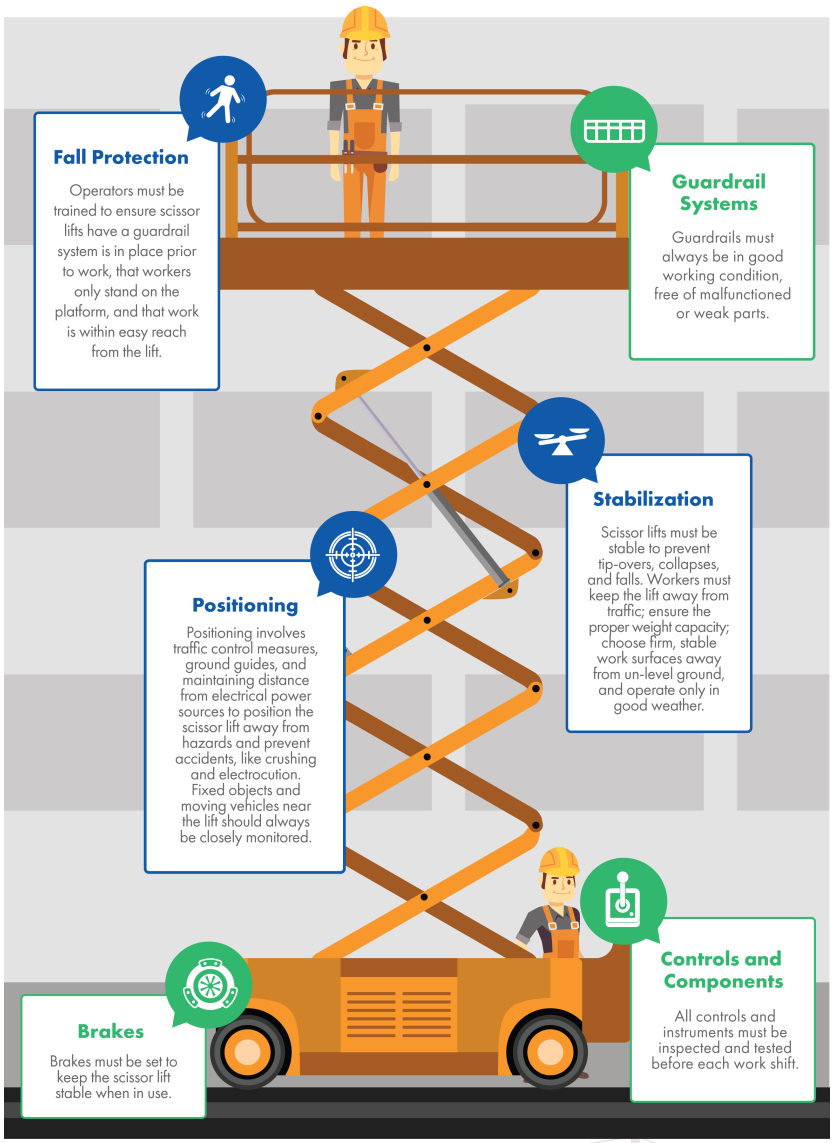
AERIAL LIFT CERTIFICATION

SCISSOR LIFT SAFETY

Preventing accidents with scissor lifts relies on an overall workplace mindset focused on safety, as well as a few key components for keeping scissor lifts stable, properly maintained, and not hazardous to employees.

HOW TO USE SCISSOR LIFTS SAFELY

HOW TO MAINTAIN SCISSOR LIFTS



Fall Protection

Operators must be trained to ensure scissor lifts have a guardrail system is in place prior to work, that workers only stand on the platform, and that work is within easy reach from the lift.

Guardrail Systems

Guardrails must always be in good working condition, free of malfunctioned or weak parts.

Stabilization

Scissor lifts must be stable to prevent tip-overs, collapses, and falls. Workers must keep the lift away from traffic; ensure the proper weight capacity; choose firm, stable work surfaces away from un-level ground, and operate only in good weather.

Positioning

Positioning involves traffic control measures, ground guides, and maintaining distance from electrical power sources to position the scissor lift away from hazards and prevent accidents, like crushing and electrocution. Fixed objects and moving vehicles near the lift should always be closely monitored.

Controls and Components

All controls and instruments must be inspected and tested before each work shift.

Brakes

Brakes must be set to keep the scissor lift stable when in use.

IMPORTANCE OF TRAINED WORKERS

Receive Training and Evaluation

All scissor lift operators must receive training to operate scissor lifts safely. Practical evaluations complete OSHA requirements for scissor lift training.

Fulfill Training Topic Requirements

Training must include: manufacturer's instructions; handling materials; weight limits and capacities; working on or around hazards; recognizing equipment repairs and maintenance needs, and preventing accidents.

AerialLiftCertification.com offers affordable OSHA-compliant scissor lift training online. Check out our scissor lift training page for more information.