



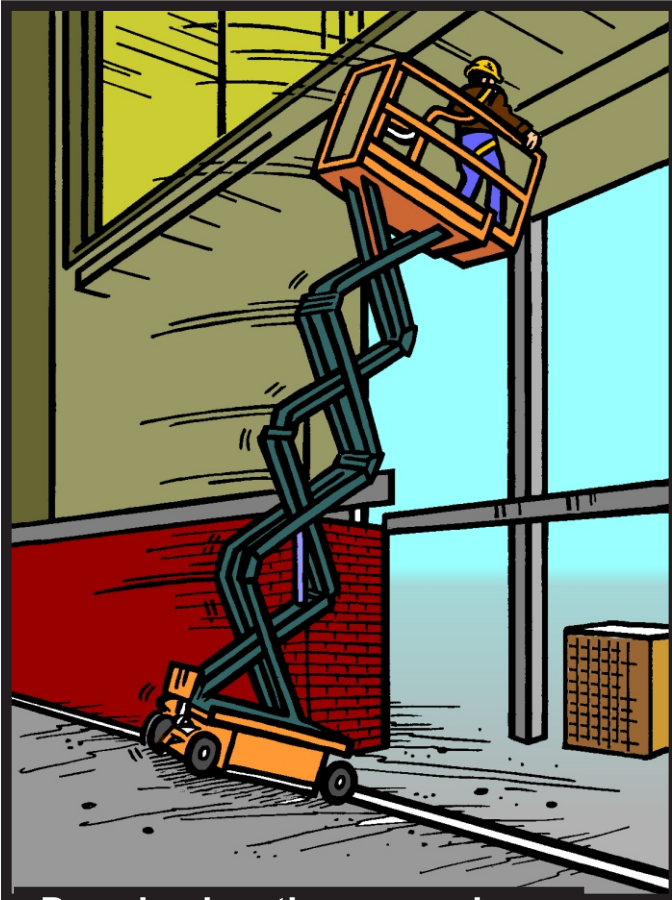
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SCISSOR LIFT SAFETY



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Lack of proper training causes accidents and leads to poor equipment maintenance. Untrained personnel weld on lifts and allow sparks to land on the lift’s batteries. They allow wheels to drop into holes or slip off decks or any other abrupt change in elevation. Do they understand that lifts with a small foot print can tip easily.

Extreme or unplanned environmental conditions in the workplace can severely and adversely affect the working conditions; e.g., strong winds and icy or wet surfaces. Employees should be trained never to climb on or over hand rails, get caught in the pinch or squeeze points, to avoid overhead moving/falling objects, to look for unsafe job conditions, such as poor illumination, power lines, or bad weather.

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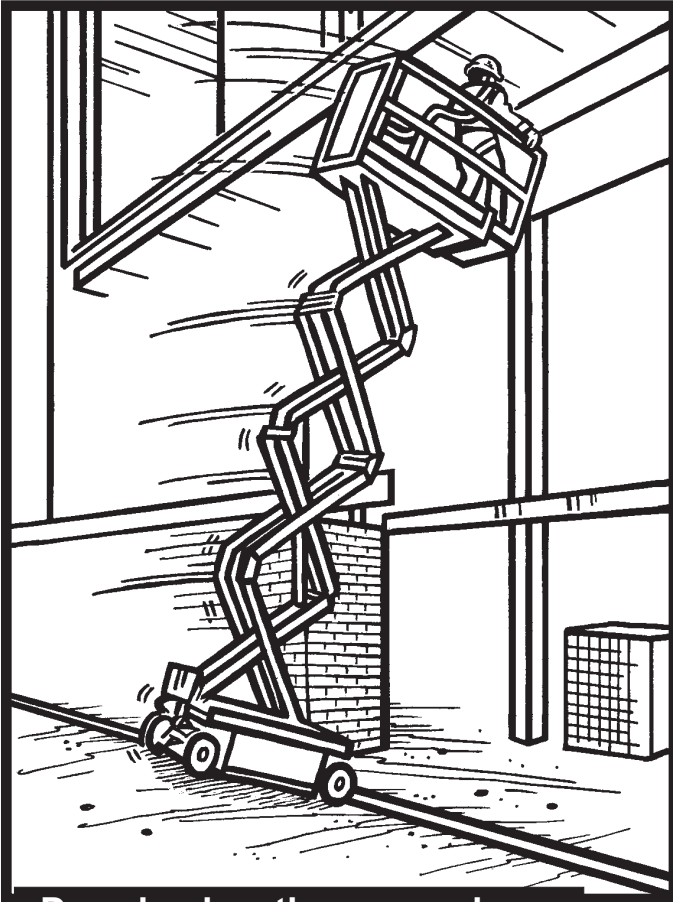
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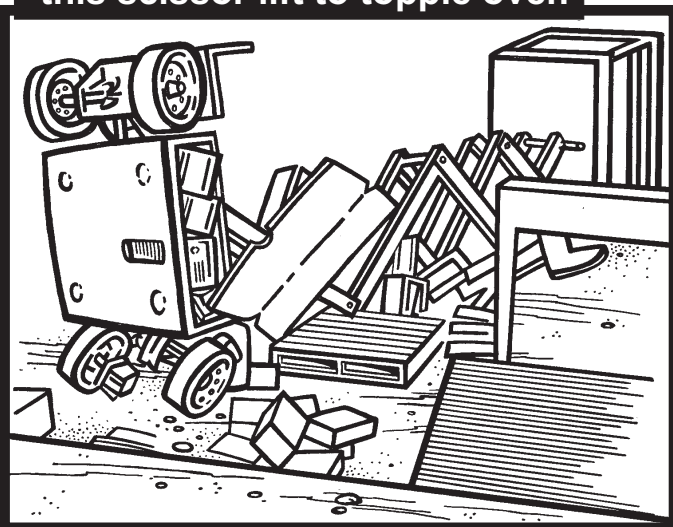
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