

GIVE TO TRANSPORT PLATFORM ERECTOR, OPERATOR & USER

CODE OF SAFE PRACTICES FOR TRANSPORT PLATFORMS (TP)

DEVELOPED FOR THE INDUSTRY BY THE
SCAFFOLD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, INC. (SIA)

It shall be the responsibility of all employers, erectors, operators and users to read and comply with the following common sense guidelines. They are designed to promote safety in the erection, dismantle, operation and use of Transport Platforms. These guidelines are not all inclusive. They neither supplement nor replace additional safety and precautionary measures that cover usual or unusual conditions. If these guidelines conflict in any way with state/provincial, local or federal statute or governmental regulations, said statute or regulation shall supersede these guidelines. It shall be the responsibility of each employer and user to comply therewith and to be knowledgeable and understand state/provincial, local or federal statute or governmental regulations pertaining to Transport Platforms.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Post these safety Guidelines in a conspicuous place. Be sure that all persons who erect, use, operate, or dismantle TP's are fully aware of them and have been trained in the safe operation of the equipment. Only persons who are authorized and have received the required training are permitted on the platform.
2. Erect, dismantle or alter the TP only under the supervision of a competent person. Modifications or alterations must be approved in writing by the manufacturer. If the manufacturer is no longer in business modifications shall be made only with written instruction from an equivalent entity.
3. Follow all equipment manufacturers' recommendations as written in the operations manual. Abide by all local, state/provincial and federal statutes and regulations in your area pertaining to TPs including but not limited to ANSI A92.10.
4. Before using the TP, a pre-start inspection must be completed before each shift. Perform periodic inspections when in use. Check for hazards such as debris, overhead obstructions, high voltage hazards, inadequate base support and other unsafe conditions.
5. Inspections and maintenance shall be performed as required to ensure proper operation. TPs not in compliance with manufacturer's guidelines must be removed from service until repaired by an Authorized/Qualified Service Technician.
6. Always install guardrails and mast guards. Ensure that access gates function properly and other access locations are protected with guardrails.
7. Use all required personal fall protection equipment during erection and dismantle.
8. Ensure that the TP platform operates at a safe minimum travel distance of at least 18" from the building or structure.
9. Do not exceed maximum load limitations (capacity) for the configuration of the TP you are operating. Consult the operations manual for the maximum platform loading diagram.
10. Ensure that the maximum allowable number of persons on the platform has not been exceeded.
11. The operating manual(s) shall be stored and maintained on the platform at all times.
12. Do not erect, use, operate, or dismantle the TP if you are under the influence of drugs, alcohol or other substances.
13. Ensure that no material or person(s) project beyond or overhang the platform guardrails.
14. When descending, ensure that the TP stops automatically at no less than 10' above the supporting level for at least 3 seconds and sounds a continuous warning alarm from that point until the bottom is reached.
15. Means shall be used to prohibit access and use by unauthorized person(s).
16. On an electrically powered TP, do not operate the unit with any electrical panel door open. Make sure all electrical components are in proper and safe operating condition.
17. On an internal combustion engine powered TP, ensure that an appropriate fire extinguisher is present.
18. Never take chances! If in doubt regarding safety or use of the TP, consult your supplier.

* This Code of Safe Practices covers some common sense procedures for safely erecting, dismantling and using Transport Platforms. Since equipment differs, comply with the instructions and procedures of the supplier and manufacturer(s) of the equipment.

* Since field conditions vary, and are beyond the control of the Scaffold Industry Association and Mast Climbing Council, safe and proper use of the Transport Platform is the sole responsibility of the employer and user.