

Guarding Tools, Equipment, and Parts in Mobile Elevated Work Platforms

There have been a significant number of loose items left in work platforms resulting in congestion and material to pile higher than the toe board. Materials and equipment to be installed can be protected by utilizing a method that completely encloses the lift platform.

BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ✓ **All equipment shall be kept at a height less than the toe board where there is a risk of the equipment falling to an underlying level.**
- ✓ **When the material is greater than the height of the toe board or a toe board is not present at the doorway entry of the platform, a protective screen that can withstand 50lbs of force shall be erected. This should include door entry, base, and control panel of platform.**
- ✓ **Smaller parts must be stored in suitable storage boxes. Protective screen should be suitable to stop smaller material from falling to lower level.**
- ✓ **The protective screen should be inspected for openings or gaps to ensure smaller objects are secured against falling to underlying level.**
- ✓ **Conduct inventory count of material to ensure no tools, equipment or materials are left behind at height.**
- ✓ **When work is finished, a final inspection of the platform screen shall be conducted to ensure no damage took place while work was being performed.**
- ✓ **When work is finished all tools, material, and debris shall be completely removed from platform.**