



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Division

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TO: All OR-OSHA

FROM: Barry Jones, Manager of Enforcement
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SUBJECT: Body Belts in Aerial Lifts

The construction fall protection uniformity committee identified a uniformity issue in the use of body belts in aerial lifts during construction. The use of body belts in a restraint system were not consistent with the allowable fall distance.

During operation of an aerial lift of the type for which fall protection is required, the operator must wear a body belt or harness and be connected to the aerial device with a lanyard at the platform position. If a body belt is used the lanyard must be short enough to prevent the employee from climbing the sides of the platform or bouncing out of the basket. This would be considered a restraint device and must not permit **any** fall. Body harnesses must be used with a fall arrest system.

Any written or verbal guidance previously received which does not support this position is superseded by this memorandum and should be disregarded.