

# GENERAL SAFETY – HIRE EQUIPMENT

Read this guide carefully BEFORE operating the equipment

## Wear Appropriate Clothing

When operating access equipment, it is important to wear the appropriate clothing. Wear sturdy, slip-resistant shoes, long pants, a shirt with long sleeves, and gloves if required. Also be sure to wear safety goggles and a hard hat for extra protection, and if working outdoors, wear sun protection.

## Safety Checks at the Jobsite/Location

Before operating access equipment, ensure that the jobsite/location is safe and secure. Make sure that the area surrounding the machine is free of debris and obstructions. Inspect the ground to understand if you are working on a level surface or not

## Safety Checks Before Operating a Machine

Before operating access equipment, it is important to review the manufacturer's instructions and safety guidelines for the machine. Ensure that all safety guards and locks are in place. Make sure that all controls are in the correct position and that all safety decals are visible. Inspect the machine for signs of damage and wear and tear, and ensure it is in good working condition.

## PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Always wear all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment such as safety goggles, earmuffs, safety boots, helmet, gloves etc, appropriate for the task or equipment and as indicated.



## CLOTHING

Wear suitable clothes. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery that may be caught up in moving parts. Where applicable, protect yourself outside with long sleeved clothing, sun protection, and hat

## HYDRAULICS

Never handle or move a hydraulic system when it is operating. Always use a suitable secondary support when working on any elevated hydraulic equipment. Do not handle pressurized hydraulic systems. Do not disconnect a hydraulic system whilst the system is under pressure. Never check for hydraulic leaks with hands, fingers, or any other bare skin. **Be aware of hydraulic creep** – If machine is left on a slope (incline or decline), overtime/overnight the machine will roll or creep. **Use wheel chokes or ensure parked on flat ground.**

## How to Conduct a Risk Assessment Before Using Access Hire Equipment:

- **Identify Hazards:** Begin by identifying potential hazards associated with the specific access hire equipment and the work environment.
- **Evaluate Risks:** Assess the level of risk each identified hazard poses. Consider the likelihood and severity of accidents or injuries. Prioritise risk control measures.
- **Implement Controls:** Implement appropriate control measures to mitigate identified risks. This may include using safety harnesses, implementing exclusion zones, or providing additional safety equipment. Follow EWPA safety guidelines and ensure compliance with relevant regulations.
- **Review and Monitor:** Regularly review and update the risk assessment to account for changes in equipment, tasks, or work environment. Continuously monitor the effectiveness of control measures and make adjustments as necessary.

By following the above, you can proactively prevent access hire accidents and ensure the safety of workers using Momentum hire Equipment.

## LIFTING EQUIPMENT

Stand clear of all loads and avoid moving load over the heads of other personnel. • Do not leave loads in the air unattended. • Keep limbs clear of all pinch points. • Use correct size jacks with a suitable safe working load limit. • Ensure jacks are placed under a solid part of the load and cannot slip. • Always have a suitable secondary restraint system when working under any load

## Common Causes of Access Hire Accidents and How to Prevent Them

**Operator Error:** Accidents can occur due to operator error, such as improper use of equipment or lack of training. Regular refresher courses help reinforce safe operating practices.

**Inadequate Communication:** Communication breakdown between operators, on-ground workers, and supervisors can lead to accidents. Establish clear communication protocols.

**Lack of Maintenance:** Poorly maintained equipment can lead to accidents and malfunctions. It's important to implement a preventive maintenance schedule and conduct routine inspections to identify any issues before they escalate. We regularly service and maintain our access hire equipment to ensure safety and efficiency.

## HELP

If the equipment does not operate correctly, is faulty or you are not satisfied with its performance, stop work and contact Momentum Equipment Hire [hire@momentumhrt.com.au](mailto:hire@momentumhrt.com.au) (0400311440). **Do not attempt repairs yourself.**