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# SAFETY THEME

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., - A Service Organization of the ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA and the GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

The Safety Theme program is designed to help you get an important safety message across to all employees in a simple-to-use format that can be completed each month.

## TRAINING CALENDAR

### Health Promotion Champion

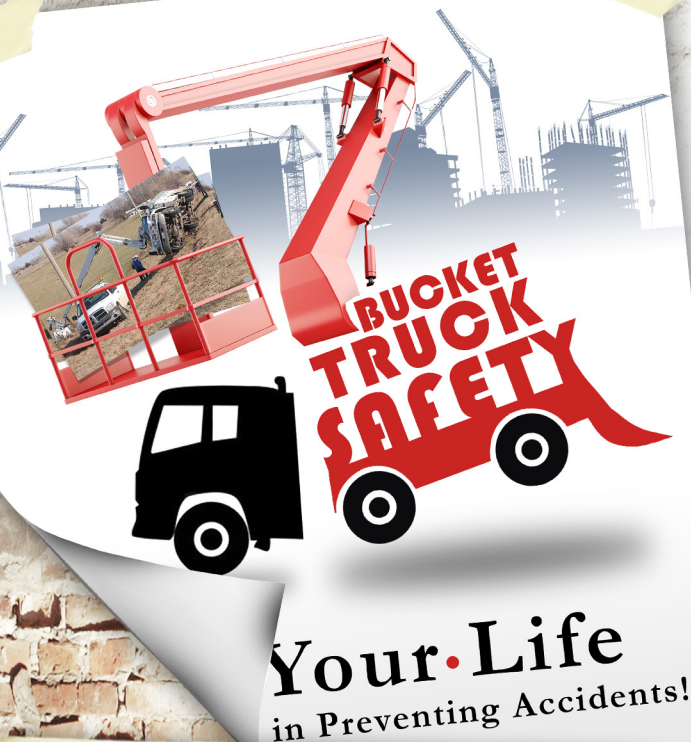
Future Dates TBD

### Workers Compensation

Future Dates TBD

### Safety Coordinator Modules I, II, & III

Future Dates TBD



### Monthly Theme Poster

Make copies and post them wherever you will get the most impact.

### Safety Theme Article

The article expands on the poster message for the month. Make copies and hand them out to each meeting participant.

### In This Issue:

**Participant Sign-In Sheets:** Use the sign-in sheet to document your safety training.

#### **Suggested Agenda for the Monthly Safety Meeting:**

- >>> Assemble the participants.
- >>> Hand out copies of the article and pass around the sign-in sheet.
- >>> Read the Safety Theme aloud.
- >>> Discuss aspects of the theme relevant to the department, with examples. Ask for ideas and encourage participation.



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# **SAFETY BULLETIN**

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## **It's • Your • Life**

**Be Proactive in Preventing Accidents!**



# BUCKET TRUCK

## ... Safety

According to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) statistics, some 30 workers die each year from using aerial lifts.

Aerial safety practices are important whether you are a professional or homeowner. Each work environment has its own problems regarding safe practices and fall protection. But all require safety guidelines, training and in some cases annual recertification. Due to the nature of your work, it may be necessary to use an aerial lift device. These devices are complex machines that require specialized training to operate. In order to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you it is important that you be properly trained and if required certified annually. This discussion will outline some (but not all) general safety rules for bucket trucks. Always refer to the equipment manual for your specific machinery and the manufacturers operating guidelines.

### General Rules

- Personal fall arrest systems must be used when using bucket trucks.
- Ensure that access gates or openings are closed.
- Do not climb on or lean over guardrails or handrails.
- Do not use planks, ladders, or other devices as a working position.
- Do not belt-off to adjacent structures or poles while in the bucket.
- Do not exceed the load-capacity limits.
- Do not use the aerial lift as a crane.
- Do not carry objects larger than the platform.
- Do not operate lower level controls unless permission is obtained from the worker(s) in the lift (except in emergencies).
- Do not operate an aerial lift in high winds above those recommended by the manufacturer.
- Do not override hydraulic, mechanical, or electrical safety devices.
- Be aware of overhead clearance and overhead

objects, including ceiling.

- Do not position aerial lifts between overhead hazards if possible.
- Ensure that the power utility or power line workers de-energize power lines in the vicinity of the work.
- You must maintain a clearance of at least 10 feet from overhead high voltage power lines.
- Do not use the bucket to push objects.

### Specific Rules for Bucket Trucks

- Ensure that the boom is properly cradled and the outriggers are in the stowed position before moving the truck.

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- In order to utilize the truck for highway travel, all elevating structures must be secured in the lower traveling position by the locking device on top of the truck cab and the manually operated device at the base of the ladder.
- The brakes shall be set and when outriggers are used, they shall be positioned on pads or a solid surface. Wheel chocks shall be placed before using the bucket on an incline.
- A bucket truck shall not be moved when the boom is elevated in a working position with workers in the basket.

### Tail Gate Facilitation Tips

- Pre-read the Toolbox Talk. Your comfort level and confidence will be higher if you know your topic.
- Discuss related tasks, work areas or events that make the Toolbox Talk relevant to your job site.
- Talk about your specific equipment
- Involve the workers by asking questions and input that drives discussion.

### Questions for Discussion

- What are some things to consider when setting up the outriggers?
- What cautions need to be considered when working around power lines?





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### ***This Month:***

### **Bucket Truck Safety “It’s Your Life”**

