

(5) Lifting ropes, when used, shall be placed out of the work area and off the floor.

(c) *Horizontal sliding.* (1) Horizontal sliding door rollers shall be constructed to prevent the door from jumping from overhead tracks.

(2) Sliding doors shall be secured to prevent them from swinging.

§ 1917.115 Platforms and skids.

(a) Platforms and skids extending from piers, transit sheds or lofts and used for landing or hooking on drafts shall be provided at the open sides with guardrails meeting the requirements of § 1917.112(c) or alternate means, such as nets, to protect employees against falls.

(b) Any employee working below a second-story platform or skid shall be protected from falling objects by a net stretched from the platform or skid to the vessel.

(c) Platforms and skids shall be strong enough to bear the loads handled and shall be maintained in safe condition. Safe working loads, which shall be posted or marked on or adjacent to platforms and skids, shall have a minimum safety factor of five for any part, based upon maximum anticipated static loading conditions and the ultimate strength of the construction material.

(d) The employer shall provide and maintain platform and skid attachments that will prevent accidental movement of the skid or platform.

§ 1917.116 Elevators and escalators.

(a) "Elevator" means a permanent hoisting and lowering mechanism with a car or platform moving vertically in guides and serving two or more floors of a structure. The term excludes such devices as conveyors, tiering or piling machines, material hoists, skip or furnace hoists, wharf ramps, lift bridges, car lifts and dumpers.

(b) "Escalator" means a power-driven continuous moving stairway principally intended for the use of persons.

(c) No elevator or escalator with a defect which affects safety shall be used.

(d) Elevator safety devices shall not be overridden or made inoperable.

(e) Elevators and escalators shall be thoroughly inspected at intervals not exceeding one year. Additional monthly inspections for satisfactory operation shall be conducted by designated persons. Records of the results of the latest annual elevator inspections shall be posted in elevators. Records of annual escalator inspections shall be posted in the vicinity of the escalator or be available at the terminal.

(f) Elevator landing openings shall be provided with doors, gates or equivalent protection which shall be in place when the elevator is not at that landing, to prevent employees from falling into the shaft.

(g) The elevator's or escalator's maximum load limits shall be posted and not exceeded. Elevator load limits shall be posted conspicuously both inside and outside of the car.

(h) Elevators shall be operated only by designated persons except for automatic or door interlocking elevators which provide full shaft door closing and automatic car leveling.

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§ 1917.117 Manlifts.

(a) *Inspection.* Manlifts shall be inspected monthly by a designated person. Safety switches shall be checked weekly. Manlifts found to be unsafe shall not be operated until repaired. Inspections shall include at least the following:

- (1) Step fastenings;
- (2) Rails;
- (3) Rail supports and fastenings;
- (4) Roller and slides;
- (5) Belt and belt tension;
- (6) Handholds and fastenings;
- (7) Floor landings;
- (8) Guardrails;
- (9) Lubrication;
- (10) Safety switches;
- (11) Warning signs and lights;
- (12) Illumination;
- (13) Drive pulley;
- (14) Bottom (boot) pulley and clearance;
- (15) Pulley supports;
- (16) Motor;
- (17) Drive mechanism;
- (18) Brake;
- (19) Electrical switches;

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- (20) Vibration and misalignment;
- (21) "Skip" on up or down run when mounting the step (indicating worn gears); and
- (22) Emergency exit ladders.
- (b) *Inspection records.* Inspection records shall be kept for at least one year. The record of the most recent inspection shall be posted in the vicinity of the manlift or in the terminal.
- (c) *Emergency stop.* An emergency stop device shall be available within easy reach from any position on the belt.
- (d) *Instructions.* Manlift use instructions shall be conspicuously posted.
- (e) *Top floor warning sign and light.* An illuminated sign and red light that are visible to the user shall be provided under the top floor opening of the manlift to warn the user to get off at that floor.
- (f) *Bottom floor warning sign.* A sign visible to descending passengers shall be provided to warn them to get off at the bottom floor.
- (g) *Upper limit stop.* An automatic stop device shall be provided to stop the manlift when a loaded step passes the top landing, except that manlifts installed after October 3, 1983 shall have two such devices.
- (h) *Handholds and steps.* Each step shall be provided with a corresponding handhold.
- (i) *Emergency ladder.* A fixed emergency ladder accessible from any position on the lift and in accordance with the requirements of §1917.118(d) shall be provided for the entire run of the manlift.
- (j) *Landings.* (1) Clear and unobstructed landing spaces shall be provided at each level. Manlifts constructed after October 3, 1983 and that have a distance of 50 feet (15.24 m) or more between floor landings shall have an emergency landing every 25 feet (7.62 m) or less of manlift travel.
(2) Open sides of emergency landings shall be protected by guardrails.
(3) Floor landing entrances and exits shall be guarded by mazes, self-closing gates, or equivalent devices.
(4) Landings shall be of sufficient size and strength to support 250 pounds (1,112 N).
- (k) *Floor opening guards.* The ascending sides of manlift floor openings shall

be provided with cones or bevel guards to direct the user through the openings.

(l) *Maintenance.* Manlifts shall be equipped, maintained, and used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, which shall be available at the terminal.

(m) *Bottom pulley.* (1) The lower pulley shall be supported by the lowest landing.

(2) Sides of the bottom pulley support shall be guarded to prevent contact with the pulley or the steps.

(n) *Top clearance.* A clearance of at least 11 feet (3.35 m) shall be provided between the top landing and the ceiling.

(o) *Brakes.* Manlifts shall be equipped with brakes that are:

- (1) Self-engaging;
- (2) Electrically released; and
- (3) Capable of stopping and holding the manlift when the descending side is loaded with the maximum rated load.

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§ 1917.118 **Fixed ladders.**

(a) *Scope and applicability.* This section applies to all fixed ladders except:

- (1) Ladders forming an integral part of railway cars, highway carriers, cargo containers or other transportation carrier equipment;
- (2) Climbing devices such as step bolts or structural members of tanks and towers;
- (3) Ladders built into or vertically attached to tubular scaffold framing; and
- (4) Ladders used only for fire-fighting or emergency purposes.

(b) *Definitions.* (1) *Cage* (basket guard) means a barrier enclosing or nearly enclosing a ladder's climbing space and fastened to one or both of the ladder's side rails or to another structure.

(2) *Fixed ladder* means a ladder, including individual rung ladders, permanently attached to a structure, building or piece of equipment.

(3) *Ladder safety device* means a support system limiting an employee's drop or fall from the ladder, and which may incorporate friction brakes, lifelines and lanyards, or sliding attachments.