



# WORKER FATALITY

## Preliminary Accident Information

**Construction**

### Operator crushed by scissor lift

A worker on a self-propelled scissor lift was installing bolts to connect two large overhead steel beams. The platform controls were not protected against inadvertent operation.

The worker inadvertently activated the lever for controlling elevation.

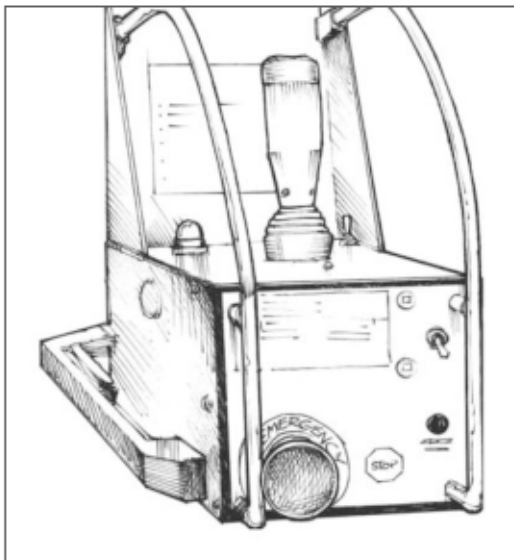
The platform elevated. The worker was pushed firmly onto the control lever when he was caught between an overhead beam and the elevating platform's guard rail.

The platform continued to rise, fatally crushing the worker.

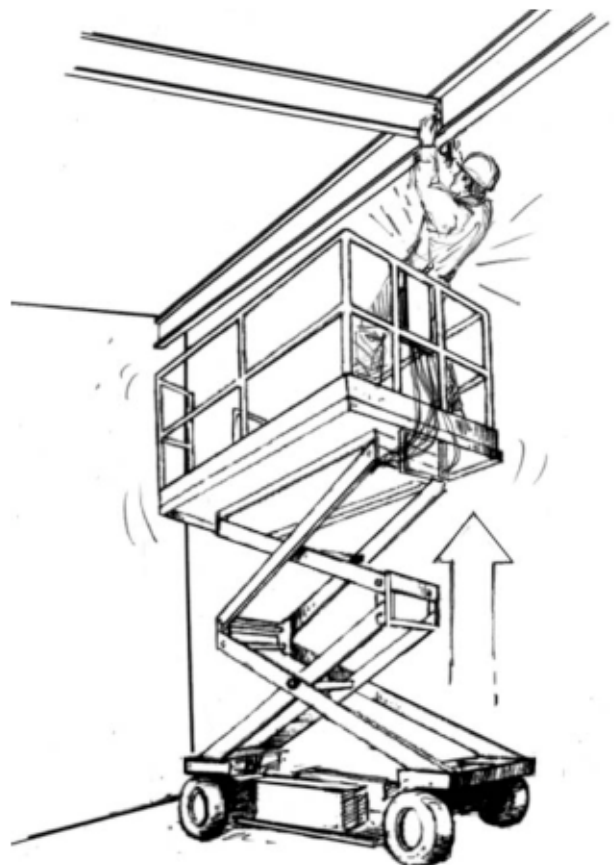
### What should be done to prevent a similar incident

- Use only elevating work platforms with controls that are protected against inadvertent operation.

*See page 2 for relevant sections of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.*



**Example of guarded controls**



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