OH 505: Lift Training

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Lift Training

The University of Texas at Austin

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Tragedy in the News

*The wind speed referenced in the video does not reflect the University’s lift safety rules.

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Training Requirements

Students, Staff, & Faculty

- In order to be qualified to use a lift at the University all 3 parts of the training must be completed with passing marks.

1. Take online general lift training every 3 years
2. Read the University Lift Program & sign the training form
3. Successfully complete hands-on model specific training at least every 3 years
Training Requirements

- University staff that borrow another department's lift must demonstrate proof of training upon request.

Annual Training Requirements

- There are annual requirements to operate a lift on campus. Every year all lift operators must:
  1. Read the University Lift Plan & sign the training form.
  2. Review the University Lift Safety Rules found in Appendix A of the University Lift Safety Plan.

Contractor Training Requirements

- All contractors who use University equipment must show that they have been trained in the safe operations of the specific equipment they will be using.
  - They must be provided with specific University policy found in the University Lift Safety Plan.
- Contractors who bring their own equipment must abide by all University rules as outlined in Appendix A of the University Lift Safety Plan.
Lift Rider Training Requirements

- All students, staff, or visitors who ride in a lift but do not operate it must be informed of warning signs and alarms and comply with the instructions of the lift operator.

Department Safety Contact

- The Department Safety Contact is the point of contact for lift information.
- They will have you perform a hands on evaluation of your skills.
- Do not operate a lift until you have received approval from your Department’s Safety Contact.

Department Safety Contact

- The Department Safety Contact is responsible for updating lift inventory with EHS.
- Aerial Lift Safety: Right Safety Contact

Fall Protection

- If the manufacturer specifies the use of fall protection, use the approved harness and lanyard.
- If the lift operator has to leave the safety of the lift or alter the guard rail, they should use the personal fall arrest system.
Lift Setup

- Remember: How and where you set up a lift is crucial to maintaining a safe environment.
- Contact your Department Safety Contact for specific lift information.
- Aerial Lift Safety: Right Setup

Weather Information

- The University prohibits the operation of lifts outdoors when wind speeds are 20 miles per hour or greater.

Weather Information

- Always use current weather information
- Do not operate a lift outdoors when:
  - Wind speeds are 20 miles per hour or greater
  - There is a possibility of lightning

University Lift Plan

- As part of your training you must read the University Lift Plan.
- You will be required to sign a form that states that you have read and understood the University Lift Plan.
The University Lift Safety Plan requires all lifts to be inspected at the beginning of each work period using the University Pre-Use Inspection Form.

Lifts may be inspected more frequently.

The University Pre-Use Inspection Form must be kept for at least 2 years.

Part one of your training is almost complete
1. Take online general lift training at least every 3 years.
2. Read and sign the training form in the University Lift Safety Plan annually.
3. Successfully complete hands-on model-specific training.

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1. You must first be authorized by your Department's Safety Contact before operating a lift.

2. A Pre-Use Inspection Form must be completed at the beginning of each work period.

3. What is the maximum wind speed at which you can operate a lift outside at UT Austin?
   - 28 mph
   - 25 mph
   - Less than 20 miles per hour
   - Any speed as long as there is no lightning

4. Training consists of:
   - General lift training and model specific training
   - General lift training and review of the University Lift Safety Plan
   - General lift training and model specific training

5. The operator should ensure the lift is shut off prior to fueling.
   - True
   - False

6. When is fall protection required while using a lift?
   - The manufacturer specifies use of fall protection
   - Operator has to leave the safety of the lift
   - The manufacturer specifies use of fall protection
   - All of the above

7. You must familiarize yourself with the specific manufacturer's safe operating procedures prior to operating any lift.
   - True
   - False

8. You must always extend and adjust the outriggers, extendible axles, and stabilizer devices if they are available.
   - True
   - False

9. What should you do if you hear an emergency alarm on your lift?
   - Finish work then lower lift
   - Finish work and then report to Department Safety Contact or supervisor
   - Lower lift, cease job, and report to Department Safety Contact or supervisor

10. What is the minimum safe distance you can operate a lift from overhead power lines?
    - 36 feet
    - 25 feet
    - 10 feet
    - 7 feet