

LEGISLATIVE INTERPRETATIONS

Topic: Elevating work platforms – Fall protection	Issued by: VP, WorkSafe Services
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130 An employer shall ensure that an elevating work platform is designed, constructed, erected, maintained, inspected, monitored and used in accordance with the following CSA standards, where applicable:

(d) CAN3-B354.4-M82, “Boom-Type Elevating Work Platforms”.

Question

Is it necessary to use a fall-arresting system in a boom-type work platform?

Response

The standard referenced in (d) governs machines where workers are working from a bucket at the end of a boom. This standard requires the use of a fall-arresting system. The manufacturers’ literature may recommend or limit the types of fall-arresting equipment to be used with their equipment. Where the recommendations of the manufacturer exceed the requirements of the *Regulation*, the manufacturer’s recommendation shall be followed. With guardrails around the bucket, the concern is not about falling off, but rather being dumped or ejected from the bucket.