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231(5) An employee occupying a personnel carrying device referred to in subsection (2) shall use a fall-arresting system that is securely anchored to the personnel carrying device.

Question

To what does the worker's fall-arresting system have to be secured - to the basket or above the connection point to the hoisting device?

Response

Subsection 231(3) requires that there be an auxiliary line connecting the basket to the hoisting device, so there is a backup for the security of the basket. That is intended to ensure the basket does not fall from the hoisting device. Therefore, the purpose of subsection 231(5) is to ensure the worker remains in the basket. The location of the tie-off will depend on how the bucket is connected to the boom.

If the bucket is rigidly attached to the boom, the worker's fall-arrest system should be hooked to the boom.

If the bucket is a suspended carrying device, the worker's fall-arrest system should be hooked to the basket.



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