



West Bay Sanitary District Code of Safe Practice

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Questions or comments regarding this
Code of Safe Practice should be directed
to the Regulatory Compliance Coordinator.

Bucket Truck/Boom Truck Safety Procedures

These safety practices shall be followed where a hazard exists to employees due to falls, pinching or crushing hazards.

- Read, understand, and observe all manufacturers' guidelines.
- Use an approved pre-shift and post-shift inspection checklist.
- Inspect hydraulic fluid levels, lines, connections, and control valves for leaks, damage and potential pinches.
- Inspect vehicle and boom assembly prior to and at the conclusion of the work day.
- Inspect all boom, pivot, and extension parts for cracks, damage or wear.
- If your vehicle is over 26,000 GVW, pre-trip inspections must be performed in accordance with 49 CFR. Daily condition reports for the previous seven days must be carried in the vehicle. Only properly licensed drivers are permitted to operate vehicles over 26,000 GVW.
- Inspect all fall prevention devices, hardware, and anchors for integrity. Look for deterioration due to weather exposure or abuse.
- Stow all safety devices not in use. Store safety harnesses in a weather proof area.
- Work only on level surfaces.
- If you must work on an uneven surface, position the unit perpendicular to the slope. Use outriggers or dunnage if necessary.
- Do not operate the unit with the wheels off the ground supported only by outriggers.

- Before raising the boom, be sure the outriggers are secure and footed on solid ground or reinforced surfacing.
- Use proper dunnage and blocking under the outriggers.
- Observe safe working minimums from power lines or other obstacles that could injure the operator or damage equipment.
- Do not “over-reach” when working “off the side.” Observe the manufacturer’s recommended safe working radius at all times.
- Do not overload the bucket or exceed its lifting capacity.
- PPE: The following Personal Protective Equipment is required:

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Protection Area	PPE Required
Eye	Safety glasses or goggles meeting the ANSI Z87.1 Standard.
Face	
Hand	Work gloves.
Head	Hardhat.
Foot	Leather steel toe safety shoes or boots.
Body	Protective clothing with long sleeve shirt and long leg pants.
Respiratory	
Hearing	Wear earplugs or earmuffs as necessary.