## **Richmond Hill Bucket Truck Training**

Richmond Hill Bucket Truck Training - The bucket truck training program is a program which is intended to effectively train qualified operators so they could lessen the risk of incident and personal injury when working in close proximity to or with bucket trucks or also referred to as vehicle-mounted aerial work platform. An aerial lift device is whatever vehicle-mounted device, telescoping or articulating, or both, which is used to position employees to reach places that would otherwise be inaccessible. Aerial lift devices are made use of in order to elevate employees to above-ground work sites.

The objective of the program is to provide operators with the skills, knowledge, training materials and abilities necessary in order to learn to operate vehicle-mounted aerial work platforms safely and effectively.

The program has two parts: a classroom training session and a hands-on training session. To be able to become certified, participants must be successful in both parts. A full-size certificate and a wallet-size certificate would be issued upon completing the program.

Types of lifts include articulating boom platforms, extensible boom platforms, aerial ladders and aerial ladder trucks, vertical towers and any combination of these devices. Aerial lift devices are normally made of wood, metal, fiberglass, reinforced plastic or other materials.

## **Definitions**

Articulating boom platform: has two or more hinged boom sections.

Extensible boom platform: has a telescopic or extensible boom.

Platform: the part of an aerial device that is designed to carry employees.

Mobile unit: any aerial device along with its parts such as vehicle and related machinery.

Workers who work with aerial devices have the responsibility of ensuring that they are correctly authorized and trained. Workers should make sure that individuals who are not authorized and trained do not make use of lift devices. Employees should ensure that they wear the proper protective equipment when working from the platform.

The course content used in the bucket truck training program consists of the operation of the vehicle-mounted aerial work platform, safe operating practices, pre-shift inspections, use of emergency controls, lifting capacity, and administering theory and practical tests. Operators will be familiar with rules under the local and federal regulations.