



Technical Guidance

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Familiarization

All properly trained personnel who are directed and authorized to operate an aerial work platform, prior to using any machine with characteristics of weight, height, width, length or complexity which differ significantly to the training they have received, shall obtain familiarization on the model of the aerial platform to be operated.

It is the employer's responsibility to ensure that all operators they direct and authorize to use aerial equipment are adequately trained, familiarized and made aware of operator responsibilities to comply with current health and safety legislation.

Machine specific familiarization is required in addition to formalized general aerial work platform training and shall include the following:

- The location of the weather resistant storage compartment for manual(s) storage
- Confirming that all required manuals are in the storage compartment
- The purpose and function of all controls and
- Knowledge of the safety devices and operating characteristics of the machine being operated.

AWPT-approved training centers offer a variety of platform operator training courses. Training meets OSHA and ANSI requirements and leads to the issue of a PAL Card (Powered Access Licensed-Registration Card), which is recognized by organizations around the world as proof of training.

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