

The major causes of incidents involving lifting equipment, including aerial lifts, include:

- Instability due to:
 - Failure to use outriggers or exceeding Safe Working Load (SWL)
 - Improper stabilisation, including load security; and/or
 - Ground conditions (e.g., too soft or gradient)
 - Environmental conditions (e.g., snow and ice)
- Contact with overhead power lines; and
- Inadequate:
 - Training and communications
 - Inspection and maintenance

LIFE SAVING RULE

When working with mechanical lifting equipment YOU MUST:

- Only operate equipment that you are qualified to use
- Ensure lifting equipment and load have been inspected and confirmed suitable for the lifting operation
- Establish and obey barriers and exclusion zones
- Never walk under a suspended load; and
- Use taglines or hands-off load tools to control the load

