

OH&S SAFETY ALERT

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LIFT INSTALLATION LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

ITEM	YES	NO	DOCUMENTS CITED
Are the installers advanced riggers?			
Has the work platform been certified prior to productive work? (advanced rigger)			
Has the hoist system been certified to productive work? (advanced rigger)			

This alert has been generated to ensure that all construction sites in Victoria are aware of the licensing requirements for the construction of lifts, suspended scaffolds, work platforms and false cars.

WorkSafe on a number of sites have observed risks to employee's health and safety arising from an unsafe system of work associated with the installation of suspended work platforms. ie. false cars or incomplete/decommissioned lift cars suspended via a Tirak hoist or similar.

Suspended scaffolds are often used to provide access and working platforms in the construction, alteration, inspection, repair, refurbishment and maintenance of high rise buildings, industrial plant and large structures.

For the installer to comply with the provisions of the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, the installation of such platforms must be carried out by an Advanced Rigger with the corresponding WorkSafe High Risk Licence.

High risk licences are valid for 5 years. After which it must be renewed. The AMWU and ETU strongly recommend employers provide regular updates in training.

The above basic licensing guidelines and certification must be followed in all new lift installations.

It is the recommendation of the ETU & AMWU that if the answer is NO to any of the above questions, work should cease. Contact your designated Health & Safety representative or your local organiser for assistance.

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