

# Lift Truck Training and Certification

An Industry Recognized Practice (IRP) for Aerial and Lift Truck Training and Certification

## Am I responsible for that? Coming into Compliance in British Columbia

Given the specialized nature of work in film production, it can be daunting to understand all your rights and responsibilities. That's where Actsafe comes in. So much goes in to putting on the show, it's easy to overlook the link between health and safety rules and the work you do. The financial and professional stakes can be high, both for employers and workers, so it can be tempting to view legislation as inconvenient or even counter-productive. But make no mistake: being out of compliance can have a significant impact, on the health and safety of you or your colleagues and on the production schedule and budget.

In British Columbia, employers have specific responsibilities. However, it is the responsibility of every supervisor to comply with the regulations. This means that each production manager and department head is responsible for ensuring that their department is in compliance with BC's health & safety legislation.

Ensuring that workers who require training or certification have been trained or certified is one aspect of compliance with health and safety legislation. To assist the industry with coming into compliance with provincial regulations, BC's film industry, working in conjunction with WorkSafeBC has adopted an Industry Recognized Practice (IRP) to identify a minimum industry standard for Aerial and Lift Truck Training and Certification.

Employers and supervisors must ensure that the aerial and fork lift operators on their productions are in possession of CURRENT certifications, with a TWO-YEAR expiry date. To keep your workers and your production safe and in compliance, ensure that each aerial and fork lift operator on your production holds a CURRENT card, imprinted with both Leavitt Machinery & Actsafe logos.

The principle behind the development and acceptance of this IRP is to clarify compliance requirements and contribute to the reduction of accidents and injuries that occur among workers in our industries.

The majority of the content of the IRP formalizes what had been industry practice. The major change to current practice is the addition of a pre-requisite to aerial lift training.

While the entire IRP is available on Actsafe's website at [www.actsafe.ca](http://www.actsafe.ca) the following is the summary:

Current Certificates are required for the operation of lift trucks and aerial platforms. Operators of lift trucks and aerial platforms shall receive retraining at intervals not exceeding two years. In order to ensure a quality and standard of training, Actsafe currently ONLY accepts certifications from Leavitt Machinery.

Effective September 2010: workers taking aerial platform training will be required to possess a current Fall Protection certification. This training will be offered through Actsafe.

This Industry Recognized Practice is recognized by:

Association of Canadian Film Craftspeople (ACFC West), Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers – Canadian Affiliates (AMPTP), Canadian Media Production Association - BC Producers' Branch (CMPA-BC), Canadian Film and Television Production Association (CFTPA), International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 891, Actsafe, Teamsters Union 155, WorkSafeBC.

Please feel free to call Actsafe at 604-733-4682 with any questions.