## **Kitchener Manlift Certification**

Kitchener Manlift Certification - The Elevated Platforms and Manlifts Certification course helps to provide the necessary training on the safe operating procedures, work practice, rules and regulations regarding the everyday activities for the operators of this machinery. The course has been designed for individuals who are actively involved in these activities or individuals who have a basic knowledge of this equipment.

In the past couple of decades, aerial platforms and manlifts have become a common sight on construction job sites and in industrial maintenance applications. These equipment provide an easy way to lift employees close to what should be carried out on a stable platform apparatus, enabling workers to perform tasks with greater safety and comfort rather than being perched on top of scaffolding or ladders.

Like every other device, manlifts are only safe if they are used properly. Since they elevate staff above floor or ground level, accidents could easily take place and this can cause serious fatalities or injuries for both the operators of the manlift and any passerby who may be unlucky enough to be standing below.

There are a variety of types of manlifts. The majority fall into 1 of 2 categories: the articulating boom lift, that has the capability of both horizontal and vertical movement and the scissors lift, which is capable of moving up and down.

## Protecting Employees

It is vital to provide correct training for you operators. Many businesses that lease these machinery would provide on site training. Every worker who would be working on the machinery or operating it must receive training in safe operations. It is also important that just those employees who have received training must be authorized to operate the controls. Communication rules and operating procedures should be clear. Hence, workers on the ground should not operate controls without the approval and knowledge of any employees inside the basket.

Those employees who would be occupying the basket are required to wear right fall protection such as a harness and lanyard. That protection must be connected to the manlift itself and not to a surface nearby. The worker must make certain that he or she has made whichever adjustments needed to reflect the change in fall distance if there are changes in the height of the work area.

Manlifts must be tested and inspected each day to make sure they are in safe operating condition. Prior to making use of the machinery, whatever defects must be re-checked and repaired.