



GENERAL CARGO LIFT SAFETY GUIDELINES

Lifting Life on the Gulf Coast

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Cargo lifts are intended for non-living cargo only. Never use a cargo lift to transport people or animals.

These general guidelines are intended to support safe lift operation. Always follow the lift manufacturer's operation and maintenance manual, posted warnings, and any applicable local requirements.

Safe Use & Operator Responsibility

- Cargo lifts are designed to carry non-living cargo only.
- Human transport is permitted only on a passenger lift specifically designed for that purpose and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and applicable code requirements.
- Cargo lifts should be operated only by responsible adults age 18 or older.
- Never operate a cargo lift while under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any medication that warns against operating machinery or heavy equipment.
- All operators should read and understand the operation and maintenance manual before using the lift.

Before Operating the Lift

- Inspect the cargo lift before each use. Do not operate the lift if damage, unusual wear, loose components, or unsafe conditions are observed.
- Make sure all cargo is secure, balanced, and positioned correctly before raising or lowering the lift.
- Never exceed the rated capacity of the cargo lift.
- Make sure all lift gates are closed and secure before operation.
- Perimeter gating and other required protective barriers should be in place and secure before operating the lift.
- Make sure children, animals, bystanders, tools, and other objects are clear of the lift and travel path before operation.

During Operation

- Keep hands, feet, clothing, and all objects away from pinch points, moving components, cables, gates, rails, and the lift travel path.
- Keep a safe distance from the lift while it is moving and whenever the platform is in the raised position. A minimum clearance of 10 feet is recommended unless the manufacturer specifies otherwise.
- Never stand, walk, work, or allow anyone beneath a raised cargo lift.
- Do not attempt to stop, guide, or reposition cargo while the lift is moving.
- Cargo lifts used improperly or negligently can cause serious injury or death.

Electrical & Weather Safety

- Do not operate the lift without the required ground-fault protection or other electrical safety devices specified by the manufacturer.
- Do not operate the lift during lightning or severe electrical storms. Metal lift components can conduct electricity.
- Power to the control box should be turned off when the lift is not in use, when recommended by the manufacturer or site operating procedure.

If the Lift Is Damaged or Malfunctions

- Stop using the lift immediately if it becomes damaged, operates abnormally, or requires repair.
- Turn off power supplying the main control unit when it is safe to do so.
- Barricade or clearly mark the area to prevent others from using the lift.
- Do not operate the lift again until it has been evaluated, repaired as needed, and cleared for use by a qualified lift service provider or other authorized party, as applicable.

WHEN IN DOUBT — DO NOT OPERATE THE LIFT

Contact Coastal Lifts for service, inspection, maintenance, or repair assistance.