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## **SAFETY NOTICE - CHANCE® Platform Boards**

CHANCE<sup>®</sup> Platform Boards have been safely utilized in the electric utility industry for decades. For the continued safe use of CHANCE platform boards, please adhere to the following clarifications to the Instructions for CHANCE Platforms. Failure to follow these product instructions can result in serious injury or death.

1) Platform boards and all attachments and accessories should be thoroughly inspected prior to each use, as set forth in the Inspection section contained in the Instruction Manual. More specifically:

Before every use, all components of the platform board, its attachments and accessories should be thoroughly inspected by qualified personnel for any indications or signs of damage or mechanical stress, including but not limited to, components that are: bent, worn, cracked, gouged, scratched, feathered, elongated, deformed, corroded, rusted, blistered, loose, missing, abraded, burned, showing signs of tracking or any other damage. Verify proper operation of moving components to ensure there is no binding, kinking, looseness (indicative of worn threads) or any other indication of a defect. All parts should be free of contamination and insulated poles should be cleaned and wiped with silicone or equivalent before each use. Electrical testing of insulated components should be performed in compliance with industry and local standards. If there is suspicion that any component is damaged or if the platform, platform rail or tripod, platform mount, or any component has been dropped from an elevated worksite, the unit should be removed from service.

- 2) Never exceed the maximum load rating. Users need to know the maximum load rating for the platform board and must not exceed it. The weight of all gear, tools and equipment must be taken into consideration in addition to the weight of the lineman when calculating the actual working load. The combined weight must not exceed the maximum load rating.
- 3) Always use fall restraint/arrest while using platform boards. Proper equipment and practices should be used and followed in compliance with all applicable national, local, and/or company regulations and work practices. The platform rail and tripod are only to be used for balancing and centering on the platform. The platform board, mounting attachment, rail and tripod are <u>not</u> rated as an anchorage point for fall restraint/arrest. A suitable anchorage point per applicable national, local, and/or company regulations and work practices should be used for fall restraint/arrest. Fall restraint/arrest equipment must remain fully anchored at all times while transitioning to the platform board, while on the platform board and while transitioning back to the structure.

A copy of this notice should be kept with your Instructions for CHANCE Temporary Work Platforms for future reference. Please email any inquiries on this matter to <u>platforms@hubbell.com</u>.