

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHANCE® TEMPORARY WORK PLATFORM

Keep these instructions with the equipment for future reference.

## WARNING

DO NOT EXCEED MAXIMUM LOAD OF 500 LBS. (Includes weight of workers and equipment). Could cause equipment to break and result in severe injury or death.

### INSPECTION

Look for and repair or replace any loose, worn, deformed, broken, or missing parts. If the platform is equipped with Epoxiglas® insulated sections, clean these poles with Moisture-Eater®, inspect, and wipe down with a silicone wiping cloth. Use a Chance Hot Stick Tester to check the electrical integrity of the poles.

### LOCATION

Before locating a platform on the pole, determine the best work position considering the worker's desired working height, and tasks to perform. This will help determine the distance below the conductor to place the platform mounts. The direction in which the platform is to extend is an additional consideration. Another question to be resolved is whether the platform will be used in a single position throughout the procedure or if it has to be located in two or more positions.

When multiple work positions are needed at the same level, use a Chance pivot attachment to allow repositioning of the platform without remounting the board. When using the pivot attachment, align the center of rotation halfway between the working positions.

## WARNING

Do not pivot or attempt to pivot the platform with a worker in position on the board. The worker could lose balance and fall when the board moves, causing severe injury or death. Move the worker from the board to the structure before pivoting the platform

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**ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD.  
CAN CAUSE SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH.**  
Before installing the platform or pivot attachment, use protective covers on all energized components, all components that could become energized, and all grounded components, such as neutral wires and guy wires in the vicinity which might be touched when installing or using the platform or pivot attachment.

## WARNING

DO NOT USE A PIVOT TYPE ATTACHMENT ON ROUND STEEL OR CONCRETE POLES. The chain binders may not grip these surfaces as well as a wood pole. This may cause the platform to move without warning particularly when the platform is pivoted to the side, causing the worker to fall. Could cause severe injury or death.

## DANGER

The chain/strap assembly must always be properly engaged with the brace to keep the brace in position. Failure to do this will cause the platform to fall and could result in serious injury or death to worker on platform.

### INSTALLING THE PLATFORM

With the orientation of the platform in mind, follow the instructions included with the chain binder. Install the mount or pivot attachment. If the mounting hardware includes lag screws, back the lag screws out before installing the Pivot Attachment. For additional stability, tighten the lags into the wood. Lags should be used only on wood poles. Install the platform to the mount or pivot attachment using the long "T" pins and install the click pins in the "T" pins. If the pivot attachment is not being used, the angle of the platform board may be adjusted up or down by adjusting the length of the chain/strap assembly that holds the brace.

Vigorously shake the board and retighten the chain binders before climbing onto the board. Be certain that the pivot attachment is locked into position either by tightening the handwheel or installing the locking pin depending upon the model used. When taking a position on the board, the worker should not use the Epoxiglas® pole sections as steps as this could cause surface contamination which may reduce the insulation characteristics. If the platform is equipped with a railing, install the railing in the "up" position before taking position on the board. To get onto the platform, climb from below, place a knee on the board and pull up onto the board in a kneeling position. Remain kneeling until a safety strap is attached to the railing or other secure position. Check for adequate overhead clearance before slowly standing upright on the board.

## WARNING

Keep the worker's safety strap as short as possible to arrest a fall quickly. Always attach the worker's safety strap to the railing or an approved fall restraint device.

These instructions do not claim to cover all details or variations in equipment, nor to provide for all possible conditions to be met concerning installation, operation, or maintenance of this equipment. If further information is desired or if particular problems are encountered which are not sufficiently covered in this guide, contact A. B. Chance Company.



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# PLATFORM SAFETY

## ALWAYS

### DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Inspect the platform, railing, and mounts for proper working order before each use.
2. Check the insulated sections with a CHANCE hot stick tester.
3. Locate the mount accurately.
4. Install mounts and platform properly and securely. Always install the locking pin in the chain binder clevis.
5. Use only approved Chance extension chains to extend the reach of the chain binders.
6. Use adequate cover-up as needed.
7. Use a proper safety strap, attached to the rail or approved fall restraint device while on the platform. Keep the safety strap as short as practical to stop a fall quickly.
8. Workers using these platforms must wear personal protective equipment rated for the voltage being worked, or use insulated tools and maintain OSHA clearances.
9. Use extreme caution when transferring to and from the platform. Use of a double safety method is recommended.

## NEVER

### DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Do not use damaged or incomplete equipment.
2. Do not alter or substitute parts of the platform or mounts.
3. Do not extend the reach of the chain binders with any method except using Chance extension chain assemblies.
4. Do not over extend your reach. Reposition the board if necessary.
5. Do not use this equipment if you are not properly trained and supervised in the use of this particular equipment and the procedures being done.
6. Do not use any part of the platform to lift or support loads.
7. Do not overload the platform. Maximum load is 500 lbs. (Includes the weight of workers and all equipment and apparatus).
8. Do not reposition or pivot the platform with a worker on the board.



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