

Talk No: 15	Title: MOBILE ELEVATED WORK PLATFORMS
<p>Introduction: Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWP's) are useful pieces of plant when used properly. However, they combine height with mobility and can be extremely dangerous if misused.</p>	
<p>Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure the correct MEWP is selected for the task (ground, height, SWL, etc.). - Only suitably trained operators can use MEWP's (must be trained for that specific item of plant). - Continually monitor weather conditions. <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess ground conditions (uneven surface could result in MEWP overturning). - Check for overhead obstructions (especially overhead power lines) remembering height MEWP can be extended to. - Beware of collision with other vehicles, plant, equipment, scaffold etc., be particularly aware when using near public footpaths and streets. Remember to allow for boom, arcs etc. - Always check that the plant is stable prior to use, deploy stabilisers, outriggers etc., as required. - Any tools, materials etc, taken on board must be secured so far as is reasonably practicable to ensure they don't fall from the edge. - It is recommended that operators employ safety harnesses as secondary protection. - Never exceed Safe Working Loads. - When manoeuvring in tight areas or near public rights of way ensure a banksman/signaller is deployed. - Consider refuelling options (LPG, Diesel, etc). Refuelling should take place in the open air where practicable, and the engine must be switched off. - Any diesel spillages, etc, should be cleaned up immediately. - MEWP's must be subject to thorough examinations at least once every six months, and should be subject to regular local inspections (weekly?) the findings of which should be recorded. <p style="text-align: center;">EVERY ACCIDENT IS OWNED BY SOMEONE SOMEWHERE</p>	
<p>Notes:</p>	