

MEWP Policy 2022

The purpose of this policy is to provide consistent control of Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWP).

This will be achieved through demonstrating documented compliance with the requirements of this procedure, statutory regulations and HSE guidance.

The use of a MEWP should not be adopted simply for convenience, but should be the result of a thorough selection process considering typically:

1. Has the plan of work considered an alternative to working at height (WAH)
2. Can it be designed out?
3. Can WAH be reduced in scope?
4. Can the programme wait for permanent or easier access?
5. Is there an alternative method of access that reduces the overall risk?
6. Have the alternatives been considered, risk assessed and residual risks compared?

If the use of MEWP remains the considered preference then you must comply with the following procedure and HSE Regulations as a minimum.

This policy is not prescriptive in how it is applied.

We shall ensure we have procedures in place to ensure all of the following.

MEWP selection:

1. The MEWP selected meets the specification for the task and the site conditions
2. A competent person makes or approves the selection.
3. A process is in place to check the selection, especially if the available MEWP is not as originally specified.

Safe systems of work:

1. That specific risk assessments and method statements are in place and reviewed regularly.
2. Where the shared use of MEWPS is envisaged that special consideration is given to the management of the MEWP's and additional controls implemented.
3. Operations and site conditions including assessment of ground, weather conditions and adjacent activities are continuously monitored and, where appropriate, remedial action is taken by a competent person to ensure the safe operation of the MEWP.
4. That a system is in place to prevent the unauthorised use of machines.



Emergency and recovery plans:

1. That a recovery plan is in place including:-
2. The consideration of lone workers.
3. The nomination of a person for performing a recovery.
4. Communication of the plan to all personnel included in the plan.
5. Regular practice of the plan by those involved

Supervisor and operator competence:

1. The person responsible for planning the works, specifying the MEWP and controlling the works shall, as a minimum, have undertaken the SMSTS course.
2. The operator of the MEWP shall hold, as a minimum, the CPCS or IPAF qualification for the appropriate category of MEWP. Unless the operator can demonstrate experience of the particular machine i.e. logs books or similar, they must undergo familiarisation of the machine prior to operating that machine.

Inspection and maintenance:

1. A competent person is responsible for ensuring the MEWP is suitable for the specific operation.
2. A competent person performs pre-use /daily inspections weekly and statutory inspections.
3. That the weekly and statutory inspections are recorded.
4. That the MEWP is maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
5. A competent person ensures the MEWP is identified & prevented from use in the event of defects or malfunctions and this is recorded.

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