



Owner: SFG (NW) Ltd – Shopfront Group Health and Safety.
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Target: All SFG work at height colleagues.

Safe Use of Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWP's)

MEWPS will only be operated by trained and certificated SFG employees to IPAF standards.

All machinery should be checked before first use and a dummy run carried out. After that, daily inspections should take place with any defects reported and the machine taken out of use.

A pre-inspection of the work area should be carried out to determine:

- The ground is stable enough to safely operate the MEWP.
- The ground is flat and level.
- If used indoors, the load bearing of the floor is sufficient to take the weight of the machine and the load.
- There are no overhead cables or power lines. A MEWP should not be operated within 3-metres of a live power line, and consideration should be given to weather conditions near power lines.
- Do not overload the MEWP, it may collapse or topple over.

Safety while using the MEWP

- Stay inside the platform, do not over-extend while using tools or passing over materials, do not over-reach and never leave the platform to stand on the rails. The use of a body harness and short lanyard is required for cherry pickers and boom lifts.
- Protect yourself and the MEWP from other moving plant or vehicles.
- Never operate in windy conditions that causes the MEWP to exceed its safe tilt or become unstable.
- Never move the MEWP in its elevated position.
- Never leave the MEWP unattended with the key in position. Isolate at night and store in a safe area.
- Be aware of the MEWP failure escape procedure.

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