

Project:	Depot/Yard Operations	RA No:	32	Review Date
Operation / Task:	Use of MEWPs when Working at Height	Persons at risk:	Operatives, Bystanders	31/01/2027
Location / Area:	All Depots	Public at risk:	No	
Monitoring Responsibility:	HSQE Team, Plant Service Manager, Compliance Manager, Workshop Foreman, Depot Manager			

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- Fatality
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Activity	Hazards/Risks Identified	Risk Rating			Control Measures	Residual Risk			Responsibility
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Working at height with use of MEWPS	<p>Entrapment. Operator trapped between part of the basket and fixed structure e.g., when manoeuvring in confined overhead areas of steelwork. Operator may become trapped against platform and controls, and if this is to occur, they may lose control of machine and be unable to stop the machine running.</p> <p>Overtipping. The machine may overturn throwing the operator from the basket.</p> <p>Falling. An operator may fall from the basket during works activities.</p>	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guardrails. Ensure the work platform is fitted with effective guardrails and toe boards. Arresting Falls. If there is still a risk of fall from the platform a harness with a short work lanyard must be secured to a suitable manufacturer provided anchorage point within the basket to stop the wearer from getting into a position where they could fall. Falling Objects. Barrier off the area around the platform so that falling tools or objects do not strike people below. Weather. High winds can tilt platforms and make them unstable. Set a maximum safe wind speed for operation. Inspect platform before and after use in severe weather. Handling Materials. If used to install materials check the weight and dimensions of materials and consider any manual handling and load distribution issues. You may require additional lifting equipment to transport materials to the work position. Nearby Hazards. Do not operate a MEWP close to overhead cables or other dangerous machinery or allow any part of the arm to protrude into a traffic route. All Daily Checks / Defect Reporting. All MEWPS must be checked daily as per manufacturers user manual and prior to use. All/Any defects must be reported, and the MEWP quarantined until any defects are rectified. 	4	2	8	<p>HSQE Team</p> <p>Depot Manager</p> <p>Plant Service Manager.</p> <p>On Site Service Engineer.</p> <p>Plant Service Foreman.</p> <p>Compliance Manager</p> <p>Workshop Foreman</p>

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