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Talk No: 15	Title: MOBILE ELEVATED WORK PLATFORMS
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.	
Main points: ▪ 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.	
Discussion points: ▪ 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 stabilizers, 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 maneuvering in tight areas or near public rights of way ensure a banks-man/signaler is deployed. ▪ Consider refueling options (LPG, Diesel, etc). Refueling 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. EVERY ACCIDENT IS OWNED BY SOMEONE SOMEWHERE	
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