



Minimum Standard for Mobile Elevated Work Platforms

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Purpose:	To inform people of the minimum safety standards that must be met when using mobile elevated work platforms (MEWP) at Vessel Works.
Definitions:	<i>Mobile Elevated Work Platform:</i> Scissor Lift; Self-Propelled Boom Lift; Vertical Lift; Trailer-Mounted Lift and Truck-Mounted Lift.
Minimum Standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessment must be carried out before beginning work, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consideration of surrounding area and work activities ○ Potential weather events ○ Potential to fall or enter the water • Activity must only be carried out by qualified and competent person. • All MEWP brought into Vessel Works must be well maintained, fit for the intended purpose and be compliant with all required licenses. • All required and recommended checks must be conducted and recorded. • When there is no or low risk of falling into or entering the water while using the MEWP (working a safe distance from the water), harnesses must be used as per the MEWP Best Practice Guidelines. • When there is a risk of falling into or entering the water while using the MEWP (working near the water), buoyancy vests must be worn.
Further Information:	https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/working-at-height/mobile-elevating-work-platforms/mobile-elevating-work-platforms/ Best Practice Guidelines – Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (August 2014)
Competency:	NZQA Unit standards: US23966 – All MEWP Types, US23960 – Scissor lift, US23961 – Truck Mounted, US23962 – Self-Propelled Boom Lift, US23963 – Trailer Mounted, US23964 – Vertical Lift. <i>Competent person:</i> is someone that has the appropriate knowledge and skills to carry out a particular task. This may be acquired through training, qualification, experience, or a combination of these. If the person carrying out the work is not deemed competent they must be closely supervised by a competent person.