



Technical Guidance

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H1/05/05 on:

Safety Harnesses in Mobile Elevating Work Platforms

Boom Type Platforms

It is strongly recommended that a full body harness with an adjustable lanyard (used to provide work restraint and adjusted to be as short as possible) is used when working from a boom type Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP).

This would include:

Static Booms (1b) and Mobile Booms (3b).



Vertical Lifts

It is not normally necessary for personnel working from a vertical lift to wear fall protection equipment, other than in exceptional circumstances.

This would include:

Static verticals (1a) and Mobile verticals (3a).

The need for a fall protection system will be the outcome of a job specific risk assessment undertaken prior to work commencing and taking into consideration the manufacturer's operators' manual.

More details see overleaf or

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For information on preventing falls and on the use of harnesses and lanyards in MEWPs see:

HSE Information Leaflet MISC614 Preventing falls from boom-type mobile elevating platforms.

Available from the HSE website at
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/fallindx.htm>

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