



# HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS FOR MEWP'S

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1. **Height** - How high is the job from the ground and what outreach do you need?
2. **Application** - Do you have the appropriate Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) for the job?  
**If you are unsure, check with us. A free site survey can be provided to ensure the correct machine is used.**
3. **Conditions** - What are the ground conditions like - is there a risk of your hydraulic platform becoming unstable or overturning?
4. **Operators** - Are the people using the hydraulic platform trained, competent and fit to do so?  
**If not, we can provide a fully qualified operator or contact us about our accredited IPAF training.**
5. **Safety** - Do not use the hydraulic platform as a crane, jack or prop.
6. **Obstructions** - Are there any overhead hazards? e.g. steelwork, tree branches or power lines? Is there passing traffic?  
**If so, ensure you have the correct traffic management in place.**
7. **Safety** - Wear a full body harness with an adjustable lanyard when working from a boom type Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) and check your harness on a regular basis. Do not attach harness to anything outside of the bucket.
8. **Machine Maintenance** - Before commencing your journey, always check the fuel, oil, water, tyre pressures, lights and windscreen wipers. Before using the hydraulic platform, always check the structural parts to ensure they are free from cracks, and that there are no hydraulic leaks.
9. **Wind forces** - is it too windy to safely use the hydraulic platform?  
**Always check the manufacturers guide and the Beaufort scale!**
10. **Driving Licence** - Can you drive this machine on your current driving licence?  
**If you passed your test after 1st January 1997 you are restricted to a weight limit of 3.5 tonnes. You may be able to apply for a higher category to enable you to drive vehicles over 3.5 tonnes. Contact the DVLA for further details.**