

TOOLBOX TALK #53

Mobile elevating platforms

NOTES

- Ensure that the ground conditions are suitable for the type of machine in use.
- Do not load the machine beyond its safe working load.
- If your work involves removing equipment or materials from a structure do not forget to allow for the extra weight.

Q: How can you determine the safe working load of any machine?

- When manoeuvring in a confined area or where members of the public are at risk always use a signaller.
- Be prepared to stop work and return to ground level if the wind speed or weather conditions deteriorate to an unacceptable level.

Q: How can you find out who is qualified to operate a MEWP on this site?

Refuelling

Always turn the engine off before refuelling.
LPG powered machines must be refuelled in open spaces where any spillage can easily and quickly disperse.
It is good practice to carry out refuelling of all machines in the open air.
Avoid skin contact if refuelling diesel oil and clean up any spillage to avoid a slipping hazard.

Q: Where is spare fuel stored and refuelling carried out on this site?

Do you have any questions for me?

Sources: [Mobile elevating work platforms \(MEWPs\) - HSE](#)
[OC 314/20::Preventing falls from mobile elevating work platforms \(mewps\) and selection and use of fall protection equipment](#) [Mobile Elevating Work Platforms \(MEWPs\) - HSE](#)

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