



## Safety Bulletin 119

### Serious Incident Involving a MEWP

There has been a serious incident on a construction site involving a Mobile Elevated Working Platform (MEWP). A civil engineering operative was grouting up concrete from a MEWP basket inside the Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) building when he became trapped between one of the buildings structural beams and the control panel on the MEWP. The MEWP basket was lowered and the Injured Party was attended to by first aiders / occupational nurse. He was removed from the MEWP basket by paramedics with assistance of the local fire brigade.

Subject to the investigation being completed, with **immediate** effect all projects should reassess activities involving MEWPs, the following points need to be carefully considered:

- ✚ Select the most suitable type of working platform for the task to be conducted.
- ✚ Ensure the risk assessment for the activity identifies the hazards present such as ground conditions, adjacent structures, other working parties, etc.
- ✚ Operation of MEWP's must be controlled by a competent and non-working vehicle marshal at ground level.
- ✚ Are contingency arrangements in place should the MEWP basket be trapped in the raised position i.e. vehicle marshal trained on the emergency lowering procedure.
- ✚ Competence and supervision of personnel involved (CPCS or IPAF qualifications), including previous experience of similar operations and familiarisation of the equipment used.
- ✚ The working party must review hazards and controls measures daily.





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