



TOOLBOX TALK



TOPIC DISCUSSED:

MEWPS

MOBILE ELEVATING
WORK PLATFORMS



The most significant MEWP dangers are encountered during the operation and use of the machine rather than its movement from various locations on a construction site. The use of MEWPs must be included in the relevant Risk Assessments, Safe Work Procedures and Site Traffic Management Plans.



QUESTIONS:

1. Is it a requirement for MEWP users to undergo NQF registered MEWP qualification training?
2. Is the use of safety harnesses optional or mandatory?
3. How often should pre-use inspections be done?

REQUIREMENTS TO PROPERLY USE A MAN-CAGE ON CONSTRUCTION SITES:

KEY ISSUES TO TAKE NOTE OF INCLUDE:



MEWP
HAZARDS



CONTROLLING
OF RISKS



INSPECTION,
MAINTENANCE
& EXAMINATION



TRAINING
&
COMPETENCY

MOBILE ELEVATING WORK PLATFORMS



SAFETY HARNESSES

must be used by
MEWP OPERATORS
AT ALL TIMES



RISKS THAT MUST BE CONTROLLED INCLUDE:



WEATHER
CONDITIONS



FALLING
OBJECTS



GUARDRAILS &
FALL ARREST



CONFINED
OVERHEAD WORKING



DAILY INSPECTION OF THE MEWPS MUST BE DONE AND RECORDED

A common misconception which is widely experienced in the construction industry is the "HAND OVER ORIENTATION" document is confused with a competency certificate. Disclaimers on these documents usually read as follows; 'It is the Customer's responsibility to ensure that the person(s) using this machine have received the appropriate instructions, information and competency training and the Hire Company accepts no responsibility in the event of an accident should the person(s) using this machine not have undergone the relevant NQF registered MEWP qualification training.'

Persons using MEWPs must undergo

NQF REGISTERED MEWP QUALIFICATION TRAINING

