

## FASET Bulletin EP02 (Revision 1)

# MEWP Material Handling Devices

This Bulletin is aimed at those who select, specify, manage and operate mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) for the installation of temporary edge protection where materials require lifting up to the fixing points and cannot be stowed within the confines of the MEWP platform. Regulations places an explicit duty on every employer to prevent injury to any person, so far as is reasonably practicable from the fall of any material or object.

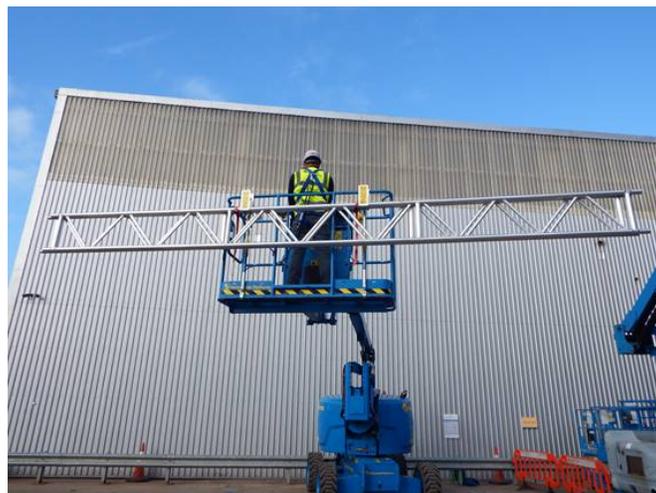
Where materials are lifted to height, a specific risk assessment is required to identify how such equipment will be raised / lowered safely.

Materials **must** never be carried on the guard rails of a MEWP as they are not designed for this purpose. Materials may fall if unsecured and can cause a distraction or hazard to the Operator leading to collisions and injury.

Where material / equipment extends beyond the confines of the MEWP platform they should be secured using a purpose-made, tested and CE certified material handling device that is compatible with the make and model of MEWP in use.

When developing the Safe System of Work, the responsible MEWP Manager and Operator should review the use of materials handling devices available and consider any effect it may have on stability, imposed loads and operational wind speeds of the MEWP. Large materials can act as a sail and the manufacturer may stipulate a reduction in the maximum rated operational wind speed and or reduction of the number of people in the platform.

**Note:** When selecting a CE certified Material Handling Devices, the Contractor should refer to the “Strategic Forum for Construction: Avoiding Trapping / Crushing Injuries to People in the Platform, Section 6, together with British Standard BS8460 – The Safe Use of MEWPS.



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