

Technical Guidance

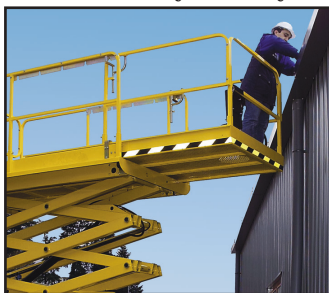
Technical Guidance Note
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Exiting the Platform at Height

Mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) are specifically designed to lift people to a position where they can carry out work from the work platform and then return to ground level. They are not intended for the transfer of people from one level to another or exiting the work platform at height.

Exiting the platform at height may only be undertaken after a rigorous risk assessment has been carried out that justifies this practice as the safest way of carrying out the required work tasks.

Guidance on the risk assessment required is given in the British standard BS 8460:2005 *Safe Use of MEWPs – Code of Practice*. In addition, guidance specific to exiting the platform at height in arboriculture is given in *Safe Use of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs) in Arboriculture*. See also the IPAF *Guidance on Rescue Plan* available at the Publications section of www.ipaf.org



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