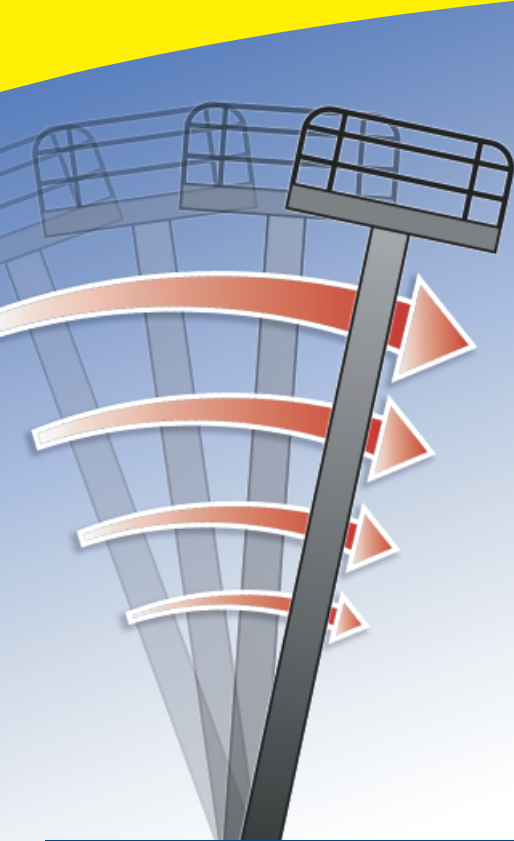


It's your life Wear a harness!



Powered access is a safe way of working at height.

So why take a risk by not wearing a full body harness when using boom-type platforms?

There is a real risk of serious injury or death from being catapulted out of the basket.

You may not be in any position to avoid violent movement of the basket.

But correct use of a harness can prevent you from being thrown out.

Clunk Click is a worldwide campaign to encourage all users of boom type platforms to wear a full body harness with a short lanyard.

It was started in the UK by the Powered Access Interest Group (PAIG), a joint committee of the Construction Plant-hire Association and the International Powered Access Federation.

Clunk Click stickers for booms can be ordered by calling +44 (0)1271 374209. Artwork can be obtained from IPAF on +44 (0)15395 62444.

www.ipaf.org

**Don't risk the
catapult effect!**



**Wear a full body harness
with a short lanyard
in boom type platforms**

For full information about the correct use of harnesses in platforms, please obtain technical guidance note H1 from IPAF
Tel: 015395 62444

Why the catapult effect is so dangerous

One of the biggest risks in using boom-type platforms is being catapulted out of the basket. This can happen easily if the boom swings, jolts or tilts away from the machine's centre of gravity.



- Even a small movement at ground level will create a whiplash effect at platform level.
- The higher you are, the faster you will be thrown forwards – or sideways – or backwards.
- In the event of an accident, the platform might tilt – providing less protection than you think.

Professional boom platform operators never leave anything to chance

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Safety Harnesses in Mobile Elevating Work Platforms

Boom Type Platforms

It is strongly recommended that a full body harness with an adjustable lanyard (used to provide work restraint and adjusted to be as short as possible) is used when working from a boom type Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP).

This would include:

Static Booms (1b) and Mobile Booms (3b).

Vertical Lifts

It is not normally necessary for personnel working from a vertical lift to wear fall protection equipment, other than in exceptional circumstances.

This would include:

Static Verticals (1a), Mobile Verticals (3a) and Mast Climbing Work Platforms (MC).

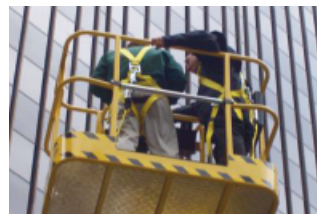
The need for a fall protection system will be the outcome of a job specific risk assessment undertaken prior to work commencing and taking into consideration the manufacturer's operators' manual.

For information on preventing falls and on the use of harnesses and lanyards in MEWPs see:

HSE Information Leaflet MISC614

Preventing falls from boom-type mobile elevating platforms.

Available from the HSE website at www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/fallindx.htm



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