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Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) Anti-entrapment Strategy Operator Training

UKCG has been carrying out work to improve the safety in use of Mobile Operating Work Platforms (MEWPs), particularly to avoid entrapment and crushing. Following a statement in August 2012 and subsequent consultation, UKCG has set the following standard for operation of MEWPs on member sites.

From 31st October 2013 the UKCG standard for MEWP operations shall be that *“All net riggers and steel erectors, along with their associated trades e.g.. painters and welders working as part of erection and netting activities, operating mobile or static boom and scissor lifts, shall hold IPAF PAL+ or CPCS Competent Operator certification.”*

This is in the context of appropriate Planning, plant selection, training, instruction, information, supervision and monitoring, as described in the Strategic Forum for Construction Plant Safety Group Best Practice Guidance for MEWPs *“Avoiding Trapping / Crushing Injuries to People in the Platform”*.

UKCG will be consulting with a view to extending the requirement for IPAF PAL+ or CPCS Competent Operator certification progressively to other trades.

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