

H1: FALL PROTECTION

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Technical guidance Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs)

Boom type platforms

When working from a boom-type Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP), it is strongly recommended that a lanyard short enough for the wearer to be restrained within the platform be used. The lanyard may contain an energy-absorbing device, provided it is short enough to restrain the wearer within the platform. This includes 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. This includes Static Verticals (1a), Mobile Verticals (3a),

Push Around Verticals (PAV) and Mast-Climbing Work Platforms (MCWP). Local legislation may require a harness in all MEWPs, including in vertical lifts.

Working next to or over water

A risk assessment should determine whether it is more appropriate to wear a harness to address the fall risk, or a life jacket to address the risk of drowning.

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 operator manual.



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



ALWAYS ATTACH THE LANYARD IN BOOM TYPE MACHINES



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