

# 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.



# Clip On!

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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