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Safety Memo

Area 10 MEWP Incident



A recent incident occurred in Area 10 involving a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) where an operative was stuck for a few hours in the elevated basket.

The operator was coming down from the lighting column when the bucket tilted backwards and everything cut out. The emergency procedure was followed as per the manufacturer's guidelines by using the battery backup; however this failed to operate and the emergency services were called to bring the operator down safely.

This machine (Pictured above) is a Multi-Tel MJ201. The MEWP has a safety feature where if the cage tilts back beyond 10 degrees, the machine cuts out.

Actions required:

- All operators must be certified with either CPCS or IPAF applicable to the item of plant being used
- All operators must be given familiarisation training on the particular equipment on delivery. The familiarisation must include the machine specific emergency lowering information
- Someone on the ground should know what to do in an emergency and how to operate the machine's ground controls
- The Emergency Lowering Operational Mechanism must be operated during the daily check of the equipment
- Daily/Weekly MEWP Checklist (Form - HSEN-SF0011) must be completed prior to use. The form must be within the vehicle for inspection when requested. The form is to be handed in to the office and filed weekly
- All operators must be trained in the "Use of Harnesses"

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