

MEWP RESCUE PLAN

RESCUE PLAN — HOLD WITH THE RAMS

Getting a stranded or stricken operator down — ground controls, auxiliary lowering, a second trained person

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A MEWP strands people three ways: the machine fails with the platform up; the operator is taken ill, or is pushed against a beam or a duct and cannot reach the controls; the machine tips or the platform catches on the structure. Work at Height Regulations 2005 reg 4(2) requires the rescue to be planned before the platform leaves the ground; LOLER 1998 reg 8 the planning of the lifting operation; PUWER 1998 reg 9 the training; BS 8460:2025 is the code the industry plans a MEWP rescue to. The plan rests on a second person on the ground who has been shown, on this machine, today, where the ground controls are and how the auxiliary lowering works — because the layout differs machine to machine and a person who has to read the manual in the rain is not a rescue. HSE's guidance on the Regulations is not to rely entirely on the emergency services for rescue in your plan, which is why the rescue rests on that person at the machine and not on a call. The pre-use inspection and familiarisation record is KD-INS-MW-024; the RAMS is KD-RAMS-PL-002; the toolbox talk KD-TBT-ME-025; the drill KD-RES-DR-006. Where a fall from the platform is foreseeable — a boom platform, a person leaning out — the harness rescue plan KD-RES-WH-001 applies as well.

1 THE MACHINE AND THE WORK

PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE	DATE	PLAN WRITTEN BY
MACHINE	TYPE	WORKING HEIGHT AND PLATFORM CAPACITY	WHERE IT WORKS
WHAT IS ABOVE AND AROUND THE PLATFORM			

2 THE SCENARIOS — TICK THOSE THIS PLAN COVERS; WRITE ANY OTHER IN SECTION 3

☐ Power or hydraulic failure with the platform elevated	☐ Machine unstable, tilted or overturned
☐ Operator ill, injured or unconscious in the platform	☐ Occupant fallen from the platform and held by the lanyard
☐ Operator entrapped or crushed against a structure — controls held down or out of reach	☐ Fire, or an evacuation with the platform elevated

3 THE RESCUE METHOD — TICK WHAT THIS PLAN USES; WRITE THE SPECIFIC METHOD IN THE ROWS BELOW

☐ Ground controls: the ground person switches the machine to ground control and lowers the platform — the selector and the ground controls shown on this machine today, and the platform lowered clear of anything above it
☐ Auxiliary lowering: where the engine, pump or battery has failed, the emergency descent — hand pump, manual descent valve, or the back-up power — shown on this machine today; the manufacturer's manual is in the machine's holder, and the ground person does not need it
☐ Entrapment: the secondary guarding or anti-entrapment device and how it is released and reset; the platform is moved away from the structure — usually down and back — never through it, and the ground person looks up before moving anything
☐ Platform cannot be lowered: the occupant is recovered by the second MEWP, the scaffold or the rope-access team named in section 5 — nobody climbs the boom or the scissor pack
☐ Overturn: nobody rights the machine; the area is cleared and the emergency services called; the casualty is reached only by a method that does not add a second casualty
☐ Fall from the platform: KD-RES-WH-001 applies; the casualty is not left hanging while the machine is lowered beneath them
☐ The machine is not used again after a failure, an entrapment or an overturn until it has been examined; keys out, tagged, the hire company told

The method for this machine, specifically:

PRIMARY METHOD FOR THIS MACHINE	BACKUP IF THE PRIMARY FAILS	ALTERNATIVE ACCESS FOR A RECOVERY

4 THE GROUND PERSON — SHOWN THE CONTROLS ON THIS MACHINE, TODAY

NAME	EMPLOYER	GROUND CONTROLS	AUX. LOWERING	CARD / TRAINING	CONTACT

The ground person stays within sight or radio contact of the platform the whole time it is elevated, knows how to reach the ground controls without walking under the platform, and is not the banksman for something else at the same time.

5 RAISING THE ALARM, AND AFTER

HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED	999 CALLED BY, AND WHEN	AMBULANCE MET AT

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FIRST-AIDER(S) FOR THIS WORK

NEAREST A&E

RESCUE KIT AT THE MACHINE

6 BRIEFING, REHEARSAL AND REVIEW

BRIEFED TO EVERYONE IT COVERS ON

REHEARSED ON (KD-RES-DR-006 REF)

REVIEW THIS PLAN ON

RAMS / PERMIT IT SITS BEHIND

7 SIGNATURES

Plan written by (competent person):

PRINTED NAME

ROLE

COMPANY

SIGNATURE

DATE

TIME

Accepted — principal contractor:

PRINTED NAME

ROLE

COMPANY

SIGNATURE

DATE

TIME

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