

TOOLBOX TALK — MEWPS — THE BASKET IS NOT A LIFT

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Five to ten minutes at the workplace, spoken by the supervisor, recorded below — and two-way, or it is not a talk

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WHY THIS TALK: A MEWP is one of the safest ways to work at height when it is used properly. The people it hurts are crushed against a beam they did not see, thrown from a basket they were not clipped into, or tipped by ground the machine was never checked for.

1 THE SESSION

SITE / PROJECT	DELIVERED BY	DATE	TIME

2 THE POINTS TO MAKE — TICK AS COVERED, IN YOUR OWN WORDS

☐	Trained on THAT category of machine and familiarised on THIS model — a card for a scissor does not cover a boom
☐	Pre-use check every shift: controls, emergency lowering, tyres, outriggers, harness points — written down; a defect means it stays parked
☐	Ground and route walked first: drains, covers, slopes, soft ground and voids all tip machines
☐	Boom baskets: harness clipped to the anchor point with the short lanyard the RAMS names, before the platform leaves the ground
☐	Overhead first: look for the beam, the duct, the lintel — crush injuries come from driving into what is above the basket as much as from falls
☐	Nobody climbs out of the basket at height, nobody puts a ladder inside it, and nobody stands on the guardrails
☐	Someone on the ground knows the emergency lowering controls and is near enough to use them
MADE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE	

3 ASK THE CREW — AND WRITE DOWN WHAT COMES BACK

- Which category is the machine you are on today, and whose card covers it?
- Where is the ground worst on this site for a machine on rubber?
- Who on the ground could get you down if the controls died at height right now?

WHAT THE CREW RAISED, AND WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT IT

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4 WHO WAS THERE

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE

RECORD COMPLETED BY	SIGNATURE	DATE	FILED WHERE

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