



SAFETY ALERT

Recently at Jebel Ali Free Zone (South), a worker got trapped between the purlin and the bucket of Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) that he was operating. The victim was trying to remove and transfer the lifeline to another location, when he lost control of this equipment.

Investigations by EHS revealed that the victim was not authorised to operate the MEWP (he was without third party competency certificate). He operated the equipment during break time without the knowledge of his Foreman / Supervisor.

Risk Assessment for the use of MEWP was not available. Risks & hazards of its use was not communicated to the workers through Tool Box Talks. The equipment was not locked during the break hours.

The victim suffered multiple rib fractures and was hospitalised for seven days.

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The following minimum requirements must be adhered to:-

- *Risk Assessments for the use and operation of MEWPs must be available, and communicated to concerned workers.*
- *Only authorised and competent persons (with third party competency certificates) are allowed to operate the MEWP.*
- *Ensure that the MEWP is kept under lock & key when it is not in use to avoid unauthorised operation.*
- *Ensure that the MEWP is in good working condition and with valid (third party) Test Certificate.*
- *Record of Tool box talks to all personnel involved in MEWP operations should be available. Proper use of personal protective equipments should be practiced.*
- *Work must be carried out under the supervision of competent persons.*
- *Emergency Response procedures must be available, communicated and followed.*