# Keep it Simple!

Developing project guidance and safety requirements



### The Federation

### **Membership Owned**

IPAF established 1983, as a non profit organisation to promote safety when working with MEWP and MCWP equipment

Accident Reporting, members and non members are encouraged to report accidents

**Develop Safety and Safer Practices** 

### Middle East Regional Council

Established in 2013 setting goals of developing the Middle East increasing safer practices

IPAF training programme is audited to ISO:188/78, ISO:188/93 complying with BS8460. More than 250,000 trained students each year

**Training Programmes** 

# MEWP DEVELOPMENT





## The contractor

A typical trend of white paper document(s) will be very basic limited depth. This can be lack of knowledge, experience or understanding of the equipment.

## **Harness Equipment**

### Harness type

Full-body harness, complete with single restraint lanyard. The Karibina MUST be sufficient enough to connect with the dedicated anchor point

Key message remember your

Harness equipment is

designed to minimise the
risk of a fall not allow the
fall

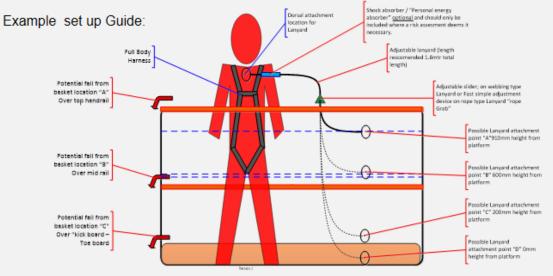
Full-body harnesses are recommended to be worn and connected within boom type MEWPs

**Boom B** 

For vertical type MEWPs it is not essential to connect / use your harness. As the nature of lift stays within the tipping lines of the chassis

**Vertical A** 

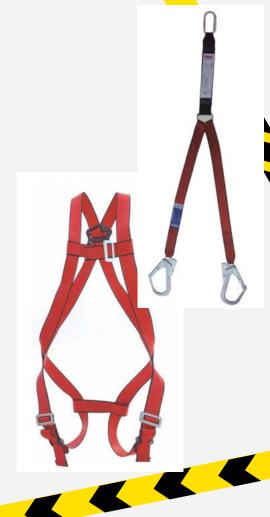
The best choice of Harness, lanyard, and related components set up is "A full body harness, fitted with an adjustable type lanyard. The lanyard should be adjusted by the wearer to be as short as possible.

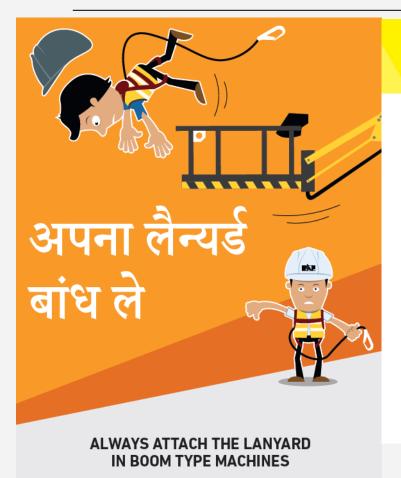


Basket sizes, 1.2,1.5,1.8,2.4 - widths 760mm and 910mm

#### Note:

Should you want to wear and use a Harness lanyard system in a "scissor type" or "vertical lift" (IPAF category 3a or 1a) then this may only be done after a thorough risk assessment has been conducted by a suitably qualified person.







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# USE PERSONAL FALL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PFPE) TO PREVENT FALLS FROM A MEWP TOOLBOX TALK

#### WHY AM I AT RISK OF FALLING FROM A MEWP?

When working at height in a Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP), one of the leading causes of death and severe injury is falls from the platform.

These falls may be caused by:

- Climbing in or out of the platform, over-reaching, standing on or leaning too far over the guardrails; modifying the guardrails, modifying the functionality of the entry and exit points; etc.
- Objects hitting the platform or MEWP structure causing sudden and unexpected movement.
- → The MEWP (or parts thereof) being hit by a passing vehicle.
- → Driving over unsuitable ground.
- The MEWP becoming snagged on a structure, resulting in a catapult effect. This sudden movement may eject the occupants out of the work platform.

#### WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

This Toolbox talk applies to:

- → MEWP operators
- → Site manager and supervisors where MEWPs are in use
- User (who has control of the use of the MEWP on site)

The use of personal fall-protection equipment (PFPE) on scissor and most vertical mast lifts (Types 1a and 3a) is only needed if determined by your risk assessment. These machines are typically not subject to the catapult effect.

#### WORKING NEXT TO OR OVER WATER

When working over or near water, the use of a life jacket may be considered as an alternative to a harness and lanyard. The need for a fall-protection system or life jacket will be the outcome of a jobspecific risk assessment undertaken prior to beginning work and taking into consideration the manufacturer's operator manual.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

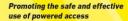
Conduct a risk assessment prior to all temporary work at height to determine PFPE requirements for your machine type and task. If required by the risk



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# Tip Over

Mechanical Failure

**Entrapment** 

Adding Accessories

## **Entrapment - Risk**

# Operator lack of observation

Incorrect MEWP selection

Poor operator observation when moving the platform into their work zone

# Incorrect platform positioning

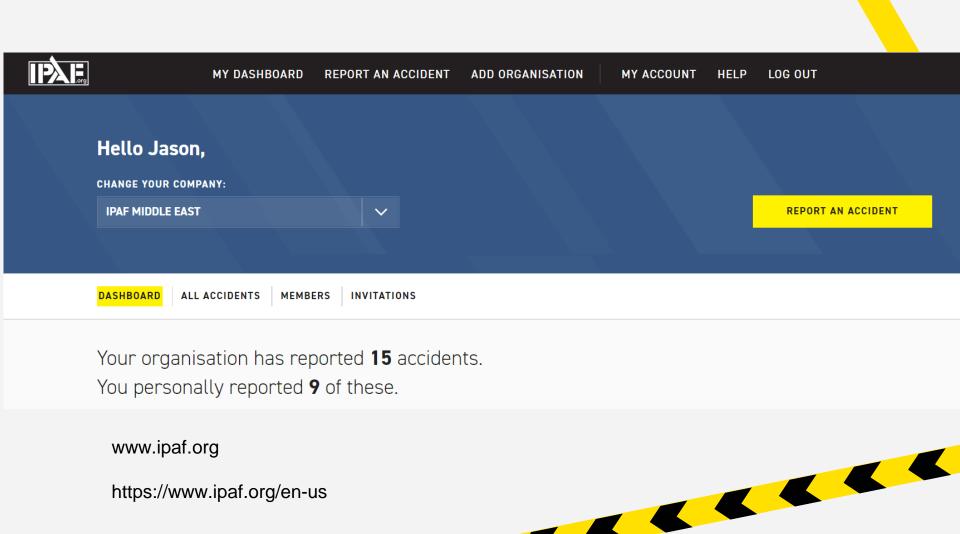
Under reaching the correct work position

Poor teaching from the training provider

**Lack of training** 

Not the correct chassis type to suit the ground conditions

Poor ground condition



"There are no dum questions, but lots of dum mistakes"

**KEEPING YOUR WORKFORCE SAFE!** 



# IPAF MEWPS IPAL **FOR MANAGERS**





MIDDLE EAST

ELEARNING

**Understanding of MEWP** types

**Risk Assessment** 

**Managing MEWP** equipment

**Toolbox Talks** 

**Rescue Planning** 

**Reduce Accidents** 

# Thanks!

Does anyone have any questions?

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