

## Occupant Knowledge-Safe Work Procedures

### Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWP)

#### Aerial Lifts & Scissor Lifts

Prior to “occupying” any MEWP, inspectors (“occupants”) must receive instructions/safety briefing from the MEWP operator. The MEWP operator is required to provide instruction or otherwise ensure all inspectors (“occupants”) have a basic level of knowledge to work safely on the MEWP. This instruction should also provide our inspectors (“occupants”) with the knowledge to operate the controls in an emergency where the operator cannot including emergency shut-down and lowering procedures, to the extent required to lower the MEWP safely to the ground/stowed position. **This instruction does not give the occupant authorization to operate the controls at any time except in an emergency.**

Prior to occupying/using a MEWP receive instructions/safety briefing from the operator. The information/knowledge and procedure that every inspector (“occupants”) must receive and procedures to follow, at a minimum, shall include the following:

- Fall Protection and the requirement to use personal fall protection equipment and the location of fall protection anchors. All occupants shall adhere to the following:
  - Fall restraint or fall arrest systems must be used during all MEWP operation.
  - Only tie off to authorized lanyard attachment points as given by the manufacturer.
  - Never tie off to any unauthorized point.
  - Never tie off to adjacent structures.
  - Inspect all fall protection devices before use.
- Factors including how actions could affect stability. All occupants shall adhere to the following:
  - Do not lean over the platform guardrail.
  - Maintain a firm footing on the platform floor at all times, do not climb up on the toe guard, mid rail or top rail.
  - Stand firmly on the floor of the basket and do not sit or climb on the edge of the basket.
  - Do not use planks, ladders, or other devices as a working position.
  - Do not jump up and down or shake the platform.
  - Do not push off or pull toward any object outside the platform.
  - Do not touch the platform controls unless briefed on emergency procedures. Occupants are not authorized to operate the controls at any time except in an emergency situation.
- Safe use of MEWP accessories any hazards that may be associated with its use they are assigned to use.
- Site-specific work procedures the occupants must follow related to the operation of the MEWP.
- Hazards related to the task at hand and their avoidance, to include any applicable site risk assessment.
- Review the manufacturer's warnings and instructions for the MEWP being operated.
- Review with at least one of the occupants the intended purpose and function of the safety-related items specified by the manufacturer, including secondary guarding systems and emergency shut-down procedures, and the intended use and function of the lowering procedures, to the extent required to lower the MEWP safely to the ground or the stowed position. Note: This instruction does not give the occupant authorization to operate the controls at any time except in an emergency.