

HM Coroners Office Coroner's Office North Leicestershire and Rutland Leicestershire county council Glenfield LE3 8RA

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Dear Miss Butler

I write to you in reference to regulation 28 Report To Prevent Future Deaths dated received 15 July 2024.

We have two specific operator courses' that cover the use of MEWPS which are N108 MEWP Boom and N109 MEWP Scissor, the outcomes and objectives are designed around the NOS, Legislation and industry approved practices and are designed to ensure operators have the basic underpinning knowledge and practical skill to operate them safely within the workplace. The course syllabus covers:

- Dangers of working in the industry and operator's responsibility
- Knowledge of manufactures handbook and legislation
- Major component parts
- Pre use inspection
- Driving- braking-steering controls
- Emergency lowering
- Configure machine for travel
- Configure machine for travel and manoeuvre safely on level/rough groundinclines- open areas- confined areas

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- Conduct all necessary safety checks including overhead and underground hazards
- Configure in readiness to carry out accessing tasks and varying heights
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of loading and unloading machine for transportation
- Carry out all end of shift shut down procedures

During the course each operator is required to demonstrate the use of both platform and ground/ rescue controls to safely lower platform. The final stage of the course involves operator's undergoing a theoretical and practical test whereby they must ensure that a safe system of work and rescue plan is in place before commencing and that they can then successfully demonstrate the use of ground/rescue controls.

MEWP Rescue:

It is the responsibility of the employer/user to ensure a sufficient risk assessment and rescue plan is in place as referenced in various legislation such as The Work at Height Regulations 4. Organisation and Planning. Management of Health and Safety at Work regulations, The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

NPORS has not considered providing training for platform-to-platform rescue as this will solely be the responsibility of the employer/user of the MEWP to put in place a rescue plan that will be unique to the activities/tasks/environment and types of MEWP in use on the day.

Proposal in response to coroners' findings:

In light of this incident NPORS will arrange a subcommittee within the technical department to review our current position on rescue plans to be scheduled for 1st October 2024. NPORS will liaise with other lead bodies within the industry such as IPAF, ABA members, CITB to explore further on how this can be addressed however a timescale being placed on this will be determined by the responses.

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Yours sincerely,



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