



## Technical Guidance

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# Fall Protection in Mobile Elevating Work Platforms

## Boom Type Platforms

When working from a boom type Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP), it is strongly recommended that a full body harness with an adjustable lanyard be used to provide work restraint. The lanyard should be adjusted to be as short as possible and may contain an energy absorbing device.

This includes Static Booms (1b) and Mobile Booms (3b).



## Vertical Lifts

It is not normally necessary for personnel working from a vertical lift to wear fall protection equipment, other than in exceptional circumstances.

This includes Static Verticals (1a), Mobile Verticals (3a), Push Around Verticals (PAV) and Mast Climbing Work Platforms (MCWP).

The need for a fall protection system will be the outcome of a job specific risk assessment undertaken prior to work commencing and taking into consideration the manufacturer's operators' manual.

More details see overleaf or

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For information on preventing falls and on the use of harnesses and lanyards in MEWPs see:

EN 354:2010 Personal fall protection equipment. Lanyards

EN 355:2002 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Energy absorbers

EN 358:2000 Personal protective equipment for work positioning and prevention of falls from a height. Belts for work positioning and restraint and work positioning lanyards

EN 360:2002 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Retractable type fall arresters

EN 361:2002 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Full body harnesses

EN 362:2004 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Connectors

EN 363:2008 Personal fall protection equipment. Personal fall protection systems

EN 365:2004 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. General requirements for instructions for use, maintenance, periodic examination, repair, marking and packaging

BS 8437:2005 Code of practice for selection, use and maintenance of personal fall protection systems and equipment for use in the workplace

HSE Information Leaflet MISC614 Preventing falls from boom-type mobile elevating work platforms.

Available from the HSE website at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/misc614.pdf>

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