



NATIONAL SAFETY ALERT ELEVATED WORK PLATFORMS

On Saturday 20th February 2016 there was another fatality involving an Elevated Work Platform (EWP) commonly known as a scissor lift.

The incident occurred on the New Royal Adelaide Hospital Site, the second fatality on this site involving an EWP in less than 15 months.

This tragedy similarly involved a fatal crush injury when an operator drove the scissor lift through a doorway whilst he & the deceased Steve Wyatt (a 63 year old Electrical Engineer) were still in the scissor lift.

ACTION REQUIRED

Ensure that all personnel operating or occupying the EWP must first exit the EWP whilst directing it through a doorway or entrance way that has restricted height.

Further, operation of the EWP through entrance ways should occur whilst walking alongside or at rear of the EWP. Noting potential crush zones.

Ensure Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) should reflect this practice.

OPERATING SAFETY TIPS FOR EWPS

- Never work alone in a EWP

unless all of the emergency procedures (see previous dot point) are in place and there is a dedicated and nominated person, located in the immediate vicinity of the EWP, who can immediately render any required emergency assistance.

- All EWP's must comply with the manufactures design specifications.
- All hired aerial access equipment must arrive on site with an operator's manual and a log book.
- Ensure that maintenance records for the EWP are accessible and fully compliant with the manufacturers' recommendations. (This includes the log book for each individual machine).
- DO NOT OPERATE any EWP without completing a pre start check of the machine.
- Appropriate emergency procedures are required

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