

Event Brief



**Learning
From
Experience**

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MEWP USED FOR CARRYING MATERIALS

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Berkeley Site

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Summary:

A Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) operator on the Interim Storage Facility (ISF) project was witnessed transporting large corrugated metal sheeting vertical to the work scaffold platform. The sheeting was lying across the top of the handrail and was not secured by any means.

Actions Taken:

The operation was stopped and the MEWP made safe. The Head of Safety then chaired a safety stand-down with all ISF MEWP drivers to discuss the issue and formulate a solution to the lifting procedure. It was agreed that the contractors will ask for Skyrak's to be supplied to facilitate the lift.

Fast Learning from this event:

Skyrak's are fitted on the inside of the MEWP basket with the feet sitting on the footplate of the basket and stability tie-ins to the handrail. This allows the load path of the materials to be passed into the footplate with minimal force applied to the handrails but does affect the wind loading of the MEWP (a Risk Assessment will be required to assess the new wind loading). As long as the total mass of the Skyrak, materials and operator does not exceed the load capacity of the MEWP and the load capacity of the Skyrak is not exceeded then this practise is recommended for all similar operations.



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