



Policy:	Working at Height Rescue Plan	Reference:	WHRPSES0068
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This rescue plan when using a MEWP or other working at height equipment/machinery has been compiled in order to comply with current legislation (Work at Height Regulations 2005) for people who work at height. It has been / will be brought to the notice of those exposed to the risk of working at height and those supervising and managing the same working at height.

Please reads the following emergency situations and identify which may be applicable and place a tick in the appropriate applicable box when the controls have been identified. Make any amendments, as necessary.

Emergency Situation:		Proposed Action:	Tick:
1	Failure of upper control functions whilst elevated.	Where the normal control functions fail, the operator will use the auxiliary controls from the platform to lower the boom safely to the ground. Alternatively, an appointed person familiarized in the use of lower ground controls will lower the platform safely to the ground using the lower ground controls.	
2	Failure of lower ground controls.	Where the lower ground controls fail to allow the boom to be lowered safely to the ground, the appointed person will use the auxiliary ground controls to lower the boom safely to the ground.	
3	Failure of all normal and auxiliary lowering functions.	Where all normal and auxiliary functions have failed, the appointed person on the ground should immediately contact the emergency services.	
4	Faller suspended by harness within or adjacent to the structure.	Call emergency services immediately, use 'hook' bar to grab suspended person and pull in to rescue area or use powered access to affect the rescue. Other employees working at height in the vicinity may only attempt to rescue suspended person from height if they are safe to do so with all necessary controls in place.	
5	Faller suspended by harness in free space, below or away from the structure.	Call emergency services immediately, use powered access to affect rescue, this should be identified before any work starts as part of the risk assessment. Other employees working at height in the vicinity may only attempt to rescue suspended person from height if they are safe to do so with all necessary controls in place.	



6	Faller contained in man safe nets.	Use powered access to reach the suspended person and cut the net to release them. This must only be done if the faller cannot safely climb out of the nets or cannot be lifted out from the top safely.	
7	Faller incapacitated in any way from any type of fall.	Call emergency services ASAP and provide any first aid required where safe to do so without endangering the first aider.	
Please Remember: a. Symptoms of suspension trauma can take affect as early as 2-3 minutes. b. The fall may cause loss of consciousness in less than 5 minutes. c. Irreversible damage may take place after 10 minutes suspension. Suspension Trauma can Kill.			



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