



Access/Aerial Platform Operator

Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs)

This course is designed to teach the operator the preparation, safe operation and maintenance of this type of plant

COURSE OBJECTIVES

On completion of the course the operators will know:

- Their statutory duties under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- Lifting Operations Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER)
- The machine identification and terminology and daily maintenance
- The safety aspects relating to the usage of this type of plant
- The operational disciplines relating to the usage of this type of plant

COURSE CONTENT

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- Working at Height Regulations
- Lifting Operations Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER)
- Powers of the Inspectorate
- Safety awareness for plant operators

INTRODUCTION TO THE MACHINE

- Machine identification and terminology
- Routine daily maintenance
- Safety devices

SETTING UP OF THE MACHINE SAFELY

- Safe position of unit in relation to ground conditions
- Type of brake and application

- Jacking procedures (where applicable)
- Use of outriggers (where applicable)
- Coning off work areas (safe systems of work)
- Restrictive practices (travelling in raised position)

OPERATION OF MACHINE

- Position and set up safely
- Operation of controls
- Manoeuvring of platforms safely
- Emergency procedures/evacuation of raised platform in safe orderly manner
- Close down procedure
- Safe parking and isolation of machine

Additional Info

There are three main types of platforms:

1. Boom – Most common and useful machine. Found in all environments. Large machines can range up to 60/80 ft high and are not for novices. Training time can be increased for more complicated types.
2. Scissor Lift (Platform or Flying Carpet) - simpler machine more limited on access. Used by maintenance engineers.
3. Mast Climbers - simpler machine, occasionally hand powered e.g. Genies.

Because of the variety of machines, courses can run from a 1 day course for up to six delegates to a single day course for only 3 delegates. Courses will be tailored to suit the type of equipment.

Duration	1 to 3 days - New Operators 1 day - Refreshers
Who?	New & Existing Operators
Number of delegates	3 - 6 Maximum
Requirements	18 years + Medically fit

