MEWP, CHERRY PICKER/BOOMLIFT

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Close fitting / protective clothing to cover arms and legs must be worn.
- Safety footwear must be worn.
- Safety harness must be worn.
- Safety helmet must be worn.

POTENTIAL RISKS

- Multiple, including collision, crushing, toppling, and striking objects.

DON'Ts

- Do not use faulty equipment. Immediately report suspect machinery to your supervisor.
- Do not use engine-powered MEWP in poorly ventilated areas.
- Do not exceed the safe working load of the MEWP.
- Do not use the MEWP as a crane to lift a load.
- Do not travel in or elevate the boom without wearing a correctly adjusted fall arrest harness.
- Do not attempt to turn on an incline or sloping surface.
- Do not operate near power lines or other obstructions.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Never work alone.
- Ensure you are trained and authorised to use the MEWP.
- Conduct a pre-use check in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations before first use each day.
- Ensure a full body fall arrest harness is worn and correctly adjusted, and the lanyard is clipped to a strong point in the basket.
- Ensure a rescue plan has been briefed to all involved in the operation.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Watch out for pedestrians and uneven ground.
- Deploy stabilisers (if fitted) before raising the boom.
- Be careful of ceiling clearance or overhead obstructions when raising the boom.
- Do not operate within 10m of powerlines.
- Avoid harsh braking, especially when the boom is raised.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

- When stopping the MEWP:
  - Park on even ground and lower the Boom to the ground.
  - Shift the gear selector to park position and apply the parking brake.
  - Turn off the ignition and remove the keys.