



Safety Alert

Catastrophic Failure of a Mobile Elevated Working Platform

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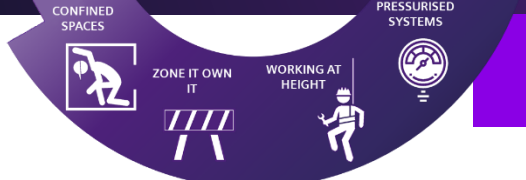
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“Catastrophic Failure of a Mobile Elevated Working Platform”

To be Communicated to all Construction Site Managers and Contractors

At approximately 08:00 am on the 1st of June 2022 at the Bicker Fen Converter Station on the Viking Link Project there was a catastrophic failure of a Mobile Elevated Working Platform.

There were 4 operatives working in the MEWP at the time of the incident on the Pole 1, Main Blast wall, at a height of approximately 5m, installing cladding to the inner wall. Without any indication the hydraulics suddenly failed, and the platform came down under gravity. Two of the operatives sustained what are believed to be minor injuries. One has a potential rib injury and the other a potential knee ligament injury. Both were taken to hospital by ambulance for assessment.



The type of MEWP involved is a **Holland Lift Model type: HOL-M250DI27**, a fitter from the rental company and manufacture are on their way to site to undertake a technical investigation. SE GP T HG will also complete an investigation as required by internal procedures and findings from both will be made known as soon as possible.

Immediate actions for Site Management

- All MEWPs of this type and manufacturer are to be removed from service immediately and formal inspections are to be performed by competent personnel in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Ensure that all MEWPs have been thoroughly examined within the past 6 months and certification is in date.
- Ensure that all daily checks have been carried out.
- Confirm above actions have been completed with the EHS Managers supporting your project.

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