

# Elevated Work Platform Operation



*Cherry Pickers, Scissor / Telescopic / Knuckle / Articulated and Self Propelled Lifts, etc.*

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. In accordance with Health and Safety in Employment Act requirements, this sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for use at a commercial worksite so that the information is available to all users.

## Pre-Start Checks and Safety

**NOTE:** This sheet covers all “Elevated Work Platforms” (EWP’s) we have. Read and familiarize yourself with the manufacturer's “OPERATORS MANUAL” located on the machine.

- You must have been instructed in the safe operation of the EWP you are using.
- You must ensure that the safe working load (SWL) is not exceeded at any time.
- Always ensure the EWP is being used according to instruction and in a manner that will not endanger other people or property.
- Always report any faults or hazardous to your employer or the owner of the EWP.
- If the EWP you have hired is a towable item the maximum towing speed is 90km/hr, always disconnect it from the towed vehicle before operating.
- Ensure the EWP is appropriate for the work being done.
- Ensure the EWP has a current “CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS” (C.O.F).
- When working on floors and bridges etc always ensure it is designed to carry the load of the EWP, operator, tools and materials.
- Ensure you have been supplied with a full body harness (if applicable).
- When the EWP isn't in use ensure it is parked in a safe place and secure it against unauthorized use.
- Do not leave the platform while raised.
- Do not lift loads with the EWP.
- Do not use on a sloping terrain unless that particular EWP is designed to.
- Be aware of overhead wires (minimum of 4 metres clearance), branches, beams and other overhead obstructions.
- Keep the worksite clear and allow for swing clearance.
- Do not use unit if there is a malfunction.
- Never exceed the wind ratings of the EWP.
- Keep the Platform clear of oil, debris etc.
- Most EWP's have 2 sets of controls (including emergency stops, when either is activated it will cut controls to all systems), 1 is on the platform and the other is at the base level. The base controls can override the platform controls.

## Operating The EWP

- Fit full body harness (if applicable) as per instruction sheet given & secure harness to machine at attachment point marked on the machine.
- Familiarize yourself with the controls.
- Travel with the platform elevated only when the surface is firm, level and free from obstructions, jolting is magnified in the platform when it is elevated.
- Carry out daily checks of wheels, tyres, fuel, water, battery and oil levels plus the sign of any leaks etc.
- Always shut down the EWP before refuelling.
- Never disable or modify any safety device.
- Never act the fool on or around any EWP.