

# Safe operation of Mobile Elevating Working Platforms (MEWPs)

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August an operative working at the Everton Stadium project was fatally injured during a MEWP operation. Whilst not a Morgan Sindall Infrastructure project this alert must be acted upon and discussed across Morgan Sindall Infrastructure projects, to raise awareness and ensure standards for the safe operation of MEWPs are reviewed.

**Action required:**

Every project using MEWPs is required to confirm compliance with the Morgan Sindall Infrastructure Standard for the [SH9 STD 03 Safe Planning and Operation for MEWPs](#), and the [PET STD 01 Plant and Equipment Minimum Standard \(Section 9\)](#), published on our Integrated Management System (IMS). The review will be initiated by the Project Managers with support from the SHEQ Team. The review (whether an audit or site inspection) must be recorded in to SHEQ Tracker, or the equivalent system on Joint Venture (JV) projects.

The compliance review must consider and is not limited to (sections outlined in the Standard):

- Design, planning and selection
- Procurement standards and compliance within the supply chain
- Onsite control and management
- Appointment of the MEWP coordinator
- Competence of MEWP coordinators, supervisors and operators
- Checks on arrival
- Transiting arrangements to and from work areas
- Fall prevention
- Emergency planning and rescue drills.

The commitment to the safety and wellbeing of everyone working on our projects is of primary importance, so this priority action should be completed as soon as possible and not later than the end of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

In some Business Units / projects activity may have already been initiated. This should continue and take account of the requirements within this alert.

The Business Unit Heads of SHEQ should be consulted for further advice and guidance.

**This advice should be used, where the above is applicable, and the information discussed with your team highlighting the following points:**

- **It is extremely sad and thoughts are with the family, friends and colleagues at this time. Support is available to anyone across Morgan Sindall Infrastructure and our Supply Chain that may be affected by this event**
- **Across Morgan Sindall Infrastructure a full review of safe MEWP operations is required.**

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