



# Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWP)

## Are you meeting safety requirements?

Operating and working in a MEWP safely requires training and supervision to ensure that safe decisions will be made. If you use a MEWP in your operation, make sure you are compliant with requirements and confident that your workers are safe. Prevent worker falls and pinning incidents; make sure workers are trained and supervised to operate safely.

**There are OSHA standards and ANSI standards. Here are the basics:**

1. Aerial Work Platforms are, since 2019, referred to as Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWP).
2. There are 2 groups, Group A and Group B.

Group A-Platform can move vertically and stays within the tipping lines of the unit (Only raises).

Group B-Platform can move beyond the tipping lines (telescope, articulate) outside the outriggers and wheels.

### **The Groups are classified into Types:**

Type 1 - Can only be driven with the platform in its stowed position (fully retracted).

Type 2 - Can be driven elevated but is controlled from the chassis.

Type 3 - The platform may be driven while elevated, controlled from the platform

3. A risk assessment and site safety plan must be developed and shared.
4. Must have a written rescue plan and employees must be trained to respond.
5. Operators, occupants and supervisors must be trained.
6. The Manufacturer manual and ANSI manual must be on the platform.
7. Additional inspections and checklists must be completed.
8. Rough terrain platforms will be required to have foam-filled or solid tires.
9. Platform railing height 43.5".
10. Platforms will have a load limit, tilt and wind alarm. (Existing owned equipment, is not required to be retrofitted. (Rental equipment will probably be required to be retrofitted.