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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

Operative fatality – overturned MEWP

This bulletin is for the attention of all personnel who plan, manage, supervise and undertake activities involving the use of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWP's)

The bulletin has been issued following an accident that occurred at Stewarton Viaduct in Scotland on 13th April 2010, where a MEWP overturned, fatally injuring the operative who had been working from the platform.



In order to determine the immediate and underlying causes, a full investigation has commenced.

In the interim and until the causes are known, you are reminded, as a minimum to:-

- select the appropriate type of MEWP for the task
- constantly review and assess the ground conditions on which the machine is planned to operate
- only use personnel who are suitably trained and competent to operate such equipment

Further information on the selection and management of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms can be found on the HSE website, and in information sheet cis58 - <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/cis58.pdf>

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