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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

Legal safety signage on Mobile Elevating Work platforms (MEWP's)

For the attention of; Site supervisors, Machine Controllers, OTP operators and In Possession Plant Operators (Network Rail Licence holders) and OTP owners.

Background: Following a recent serious OTP MEWP incident in the Stratford area the post incident investigation found that when the machine is in rail mode the safety signage on the emergency controls for the vehicle were not clearly visible. As indicated below, the signs were located immediately under the emergency controls, but at a height and an angle that made them very difficult to read.



Action Required: Please be reminded that for all OTP MEWP use :-

1. Only competent staff having valid rail mode operator competence can operate the vehicle on Network Rail infrastructure.
2. There must be a competent person immediately available at ground level, to effect an emergency recovery of the work platform at all times when it is raised.
3. If you are the appointed competent person or machine controller responsible for an emergency recovery of the work platform, it is vital that you familiarise yourself with the location of the emergency controls and safety signage for the OTP MEWP you are working with - before the work starts.

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