



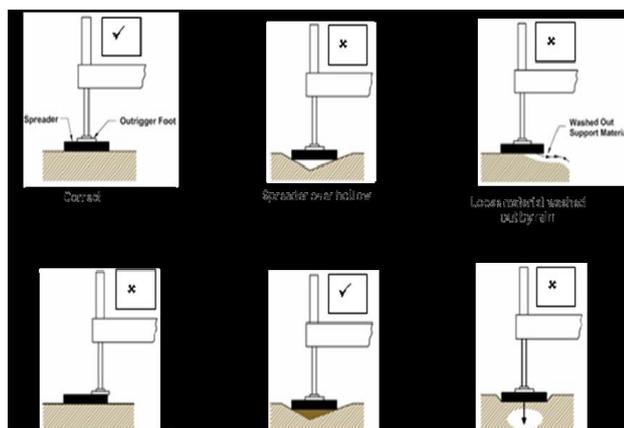
## Mobile Elevating Work Platform Overturns

An incident has recently occurred with a tree cutter receiving serious injuries when the Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) he was working from overturned. Thorough investigations are currently being completed to ascertain the full reasons for the incident.



This bulletin is to remind all MEWP uses and those putting people to work that:

1. All staff shall be trained and competent in the use of a MEWP and hold a current certificate
2. It is essential that an assessment of ground conditions are made before travelling, setting up and using a MEWP on any surface
3. It is mandatory that suitable spreader plates should always be used under the outrigger feet irrespective of the apparent ground conditions
4. The spreader pads must always be level and the feet centred on the pad (see below)



5. Where very poor ground conditions are found advance works providing additional foundations, such as timber mats, proprietary mats, steel grillages or concrete pads may be required, before the MEWP outriggers are deployed. If timbers are used they must be of adequate thickness
6. When working near a trench or slope there may be increased risk of subsidence or machine slippage