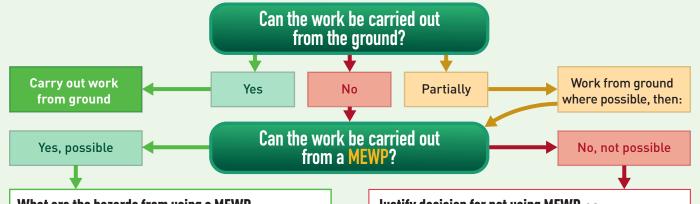


Work at Height Regulations 2005 Tree work at height hierarchy







What are the hazards from using a MEWP to carry out the work? For example, consider:

Getting the MEWP to/from site:

- Unloading from/loading onto transport trailer?
- Are there any access and/or ground stability issues?
- Handling ground protection materials for access to the site?
- Set up/take down/pre-work checks?

Carrying out the work

- Can the most suitable type of MEWP be used on the site?
- Are there any obstructions (ground or aerial) to access the relevant parts of the tree?
- Does the climber need to access the tree from the MEWP to complete part of the operation?
- Can the MEWP be safely positioned outside the drop zone?
- Trained, experienced, competent operators and adequate supervision?
- Suitable rescue provision?
- Can all the arboricultural objectives be met?

Justify decision for not using MEWP, e.g.:

- Inadequate access/road width
- Unstable/soft ground
- Cannot achieve the tasks from MEWP
- Services close/present
- Insufficient space (ground or aerial)
- Other

What are the hazards from climbing to carry out the work. For example, consider:

- Is the tree safe to climb?
- Size, age, structure, damage, decay
- Species, strength/brittleness of timber
- Form: suitable anchors for safe working
- Trained, experienced, competent operatives and adequate supervision?

Suitable rescue provision? Can all the arboricultural objectives be met? Compared to climbing, will working with a MEWP result in reduced risk, comparable risk or greater risk? All work in accordance with current good practice? (See AA ICoP, Technical Guides and Safety Guides) **MEWP** Comparable Climbing safer safer risk Consider difference in cost, time, resources, effort: • Will use of MEWP reduce/increase duration? Machine hire/use - time/cost Yes Delivery/collection/return - time /cost No Preparing access - time/cost Set up/take down - time/cost Risks as low as Risks as low as Reinstatement - time/cost reasonably reasonably practicable practicable (ALARP) (ALARP) Do not proceed. ls the cost <u>grossl</u>y Re-evaluate work required <u>disproportionate</u> **Carry out** Carry out No Yes and consider what alternative to the reduction work with work by methods could be used. in risk?