



Safety Alert

Serious Incident – Mobile Elevated Work Platform

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VINCI FACILITIES SERIOUS INCIDENT

Operative Asphyxiated using Mobile Elevated Work Platform

Division: VINCI Facilities
Injured Party: Primary Sub-Contractor Employee
Date & time: Monday 17th of January 2022 - 12:01pm
Equipment: Scissor Lift MEWP
Nature of Injury: Asphyxiation

Circumstantial facts:

Sub-Contractor operative, who is IPAF trained, was operating the *Scissor Lift Mobile Elevated Work Platform* to access a high-level canopy.

Whilst positioning the Scissor Lift, it appears he accidentally raised the platform. The operatives head came into contact with the canopy, as a result, he immediately lowered the lift however, for reasons unknown at this time, he then raised the lift again, trapping his head and neck between the canopy and the lift for a period of approximately six minutes.

The operative was released from this position by the Banksman and treated at the scene by Paramedics. Due to the nature of the incident, he was taken by Air Ambulance to hospital where he remains in a critical condition receiving treatment.

Follow-up actions for all MEWP operators:

- **EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS:** Ensure that all operators and those working in the area of MEWP's are fully aware of the specific emergency procedures for the equipment.
- **PRACTICE:** Ensure that emergency drills are practiced by the users of the MEWP and those working in the area.

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