Failure of CMC Aerial Platforms - UV145 MEWP Boom

WHAT HAPPENED

This incident did not occur on an MPA member's site; however this type of platform just might be hired in or purchased for use with a high level of recurrence and consequence.

An overhead line team were working from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) when the main boom (arm) of the device failed. This resulted in the platform dropping and twisting through 45 degrees. The operatives working from the platform were fully attached and no injuries were sustained.

Emergency rescue procedures were utilised to allow the operatives to descend safely.

The type of vehicle that the platform was mounted on is simply an example; investigations have shown that the failure was due to a manufacturing defect which has been found on similar MEWPs.



MEWP Failure



Example

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

We understand currently that a manufacturer's recall has not been initiated.

What action is required?

Everyone: Look out for CMC MEWPs in your work environment. If you identify this type of MEWP on your site you must not use it and report it to your Supervisor.

With any MEWP ensure that you carry out the correct checks before use. Make sure you have a plan which covers what to do in an emergency.

Supervisors: Ensure your teams understand that this failure is not routine and we need to keep everyone safe.

If you have hired a MEWP for your site ensure it is not manufactured by CMC. It is recommended that any CMC MEWP should be returned to the hire company

If you own this type of platform contact CMC direct immediately for further advice

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