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### **H1: FALL PROTECTION**

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# Technical guidance Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs)

#### Boom type platforms

When working from a boomtype Mobile Elevating Work
Platform (MEWP), it is strongly
recommended that a lanyard
short enough for the wearer to be
restrained within the platform be
used. The lanyard may contain an
energy-absorbing device, provided
it is short enough to restrain the
wearer within the platform. This
includes Static Booms (1b) and
Mobile Booms (3b).

#### Vertical lifts

It is not normally necessary for personnel working from a vertical lift to wear fall protection equipment. This includes Static Verticals (1a), Mobile Verticals (3a), Push Around Verticals (PAV) and Mast-Climbing Work Platforms (MCWP). Local legislation may require a harness in all MEWPs, including in vertical lifts.

#### Working next to or over water

A risk assessment should determine whether it is more appropriate to wear a harness to address the fall risk, or a life jacket to address the risk of drowning.

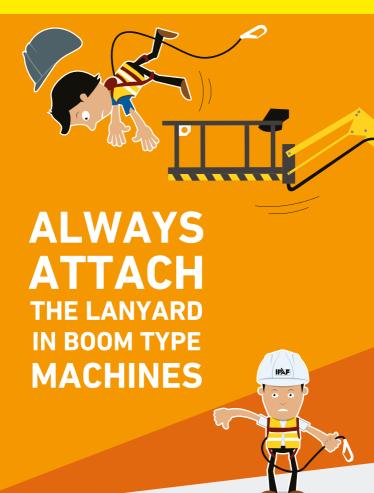
The need for a fall protection system will be the outcome of a job-specific risk assessment undertaken prior to work commencing and taking into consideration the manufacturer's operator manual.



## Clip On!

Wear a full body harness with a short lanyard in boom type platforms.





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