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INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION:	COMPANY-WIDE	ALERT STATUS:	Normal
ACTIVITY:	ACCESS & EGRESS & WORKING AT HEIGHT	DATE ISSUED:	27/02/2011
SUB ACTIVITY:	N/A	INCIDENT No:	00281

TITLE

Scissor Lift (MEWP) Failures

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

Certain specific models of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWP) or "scissor lifts" have overturned, with fatal consequences in 3 incidents in Europe over the last 4 years. Interlock system failures have been identified.

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES

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British regulator, the Health & Safety Executive, emphasises the need for adequate Maintenance, Inspection and Testing of these machines and highlights the imperative that they are not used if safety systems are damaged, overridden, or not working.

Concerned readers are recommended to look online at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2011/hse-scissorlifts.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=3/10-jan-11>

Although the specific models concerned are JLG 500 RTS and 400 RTS, other make/models may be similarly affected.

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