

# CFMEU OHS ALERT

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## EWP EMERGENCY PROCEDURES – A MUST DO!

There has recently been a number of cases where workers have been unable to lower the basket of the telescopic boom they were operating, and have been stranded for quite a period of time in the basket, unable to get down, before a “technician/mechanic” has had to attend the site to safely bring the basket and the workers back to the ground.

The Industry Standard for Elevating Work Platforms, published by WorkSafe Victoria in

April 2021, is very clear about the requirements for emergency procedures when using EWP's.

Part 5 of the Standard states in part: “...It is important that the emergency controls and lowering capabilities are functional before an EWP is used...” it also goes on to state “...function testing the ground based emergency and retrieval controls prior to work to ensure that they are operating correctly...” (emphasis added).

**MAKE SURE THESE TWO IMPORTANT AND VITAL POINTS  
ARE INSERTED INTO AND FORM PART OF THE SWMS WHEN  
OPERATING ANY EWP – IT COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN SAFETY AND A POTENTIAL DISASTER.**

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