

ELEVATING WORK PLATFORM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Information Sheet

The Risks of Operating Scissor lifts and Other Similar MEWPs on Outriggers on Inclines

There is a risk of scissor lifts with outriggers (and other MEWP's with outriggers) sliding down ramps, driveways, underground car park entry ramps and outdoor slopes. The contributing factors include newly painted ramps, icy, wet, oil and sand covered ramps, metal plates, grassy and loose surface slopes.

This can occur when the platform is fully lowered or when elevated.

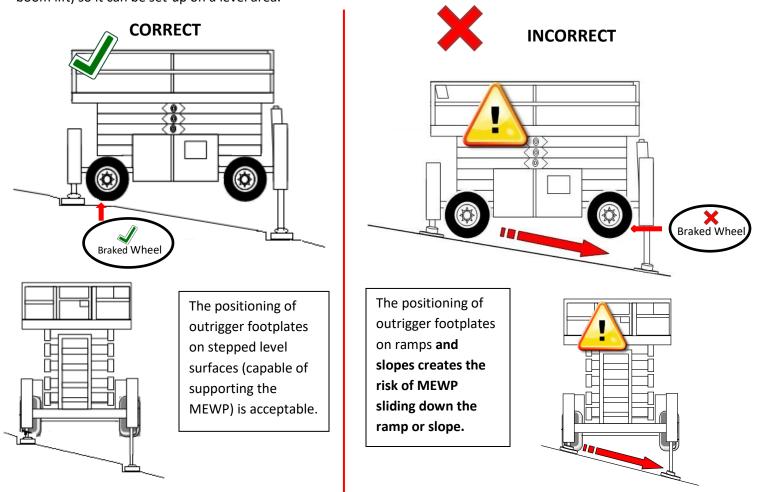
Do not exceed the gradeability rating of the MEWP.

Do **NOT** attempt to pack under the tyres.

To avoid the MEWP sliding when setting up, place the braked wheels up the incline. (NB: Braked wheels should be identified, however if they are not identified, braked wheels are usually not the steer wheels - **Refer to Operators Manual if not stated).**

The **outrigger foot plates must be lowered only onto a firm surface** that can support the load of the MEWP and its rated capacity.

If the area above a sloped surface or ramp needs to be accessed, use a MEWP with the appropriate reach (e.g. a boom lift) so it can be set-up on a level area.



A competent person shall assess slope and surface conditions before setting up machine on a slope.

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