



Use of Elevated Work Platforms Update Number 2

EVENT

On Thursday 2 June 2011, at 8:30am an accident occurred that resulted in one fatality and one serious injury at a remote Transpower work site near Oteranga Bay, in Wellington. The injured worker is recovering well and has family supporting him in Hospital.

The plant being used was an off-road vehicle with an elevated work platform, which tipped over while it was stationary with the two forward stabilisers deployed.

This Alert supersedes the Alert issued on 2 June.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED

- Until such time as the cause of the incident has been determined, the use of “All Terrain Forklifts with work platforms” such as Manitou Rough Terrain Vehicles are not to be used on any Transpower line work.

IN ADDITION – AS AGREED BY THE CENTRAL SAFETY LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Vehicles being used involving people working aloft in elevated work platforms (excluding scissor lifts), on any worksite, must be fitted with stabilisers on each of the four corners of the vehicle. In situations where this is not practicable, a detailed engineering assessment is required.
- All four stabilisers on mobile elevated work platforms must be deployed.
- Where ground conditions are not sufficiently level a platform should be established by benching and/or using load bearing dunnage under the stabilisers, and ensuring the load is evenly spread across all four stabilisers.
- At no time should mobile elevated work platform vehicles be repositioned with people aloft in the work platform.
- All operators of mobile elevated work platforms must be suitably trained.



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