

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a High Risk Work Licence to operate a scissor lift over 11m?

No. There is no requirement to hold a WP High Risk Work Licence to operate a scissor lift. However it is necessary to be trained and familiar with in the equipment you are using. Training can be obtained by undertaking an EWPA Yellow Card course. This card will provide you with proof that you have been trained in the operation of a scissor lift. For more information on the yellow card program click [HERE](#). For more information on licencing requirements Click [HERE](#).

Can I operate a scissor lift if I have I have a high risk work licence (WP)?

A High Risk Work Licence does not mean that you can use a scissor lift. You must be trained and familiar with scissor lift operation before you can use it.

Do I need a Yellow Card or WP HRWL if I am a passenger in a EWP?

If you are not intending to operate the EWP then you don't require a Yellow Card or licence. Note that there still needs to be sufficient personnel available to perform emergency retrieval.

I need to operate a scissor lift outdoors and two people are required for the work but my scissor lift is rated for one person outdoors and for two people indoors. Can I use it?

No. The one person 12.5m/s wind speed rating provided to ensure the stability of the machine. You need to source a scissor lift that has a two person outdoor rating.

Do I need to wear a harness in a scissor lift?

No, however site rules may require you to do so. Some scissor lifts may not be suitable for you to use a fall-arrest system. You should refer to the operator's manual to select the correct fall arrest system.

Do I need approval or a licence to undertake a major inspection? What qualifications do I need?

There is no licence or approval process to perform a major inspection. However you must be competent in order to do so. Competence means that you are, by training, qualifications and experience capable of performing the necessary task. You should be able to provide proof that you are competent (e.g. years of experience with the type of equipment being inspected, relevant trade qualifications, relevant training and understand what a major inspection involves. You should also be: familiar with the equipment, understand its operation and manufacturers maintenance requirements. You should also be capable of recognising when you are not competent to perform a task and engage other competent personnel to perform them. [Competent Person Definition](#).

Does my EWP need to be design registered?

Some States in Australia have different design registration requirements. Click [HERE](#) to find out if your EWP requires design registration and [HERE](#) for the Policy.

Can I fit pipe racks to my EWP?

You can only fit pipe racks or other attachments to your EWP if approved by the manufacturer or a competent person. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

What type of EWP should I use?

You can seek advice from the rental company who can provide advice on a suitable EWP. It is also necessary to plan the task taking account of all the hazards that may exist and take steps to eliminate them. A useful tool for job planning is the EWPA Safe Use information Pack [HERE](#).

What is manual force?

Manual force is the maximum side load that can be applied to the workplatform by personnel in the work platform. Maximum force is specified on the work platform and also the compliance plate. For more information on side loading in general click [HERE](#).

What is Secondary Guarding?

Secondary Guarding is a device that may be fitted to boom type EWPs in order to reduce the risk of crushing the operator against fixed obstructions. See the link below for type of secondary guarding that are available and general information on preventing crushing – Click [HERE](#)

Do I need a licence do I need to operate a Telehandler?

Licensing requirements for Telehandlers vary between states of Australia, the maximum rated capacity of the Telehandler and what attachment is fitted.

Refer to the following link to see what licence you require. [Licensing Training Requirements](#)
See the following link about the TSHA Gold Card Program. [Why do I need a Gold Card?](#)

Can I put a work platform on my Telehandler?

No. But some telehandlers are especially configured to accept a work platform. See the link below to see what is required – Click [HERE](#).

Are Telehandlers required to be design registered?

All Telehandlers with a rated capacity greater than 10 tonnes are required to be design registered. Telehandlers with a work platform attachment are classified as a Boom Type EWP and are required to be design registered. [Design Registration Requirements Matrix.](#)

Do Telehandlers require a major inspection like EWPs?

Yes. AS2550.19 states that a Telehandler shall be subject to a major inspection after 10 years and every 5 years thereafter.