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## Safety Advice – Operator Controls 4 February 2013

We are aware of the occurrence of an incident where the basket operator controls of an MEWP were unintentionally activated and the MEWP moved unexpectedly. As a result, the operator sustained injuries when he became crushed between the basket and fixed structure.

Operator controls are guarded to reduce the risk of unintentional activation. Guarding maybe in the form of a physical guard around the controls or mechanical locking where the joystick is locked in neutral to prevent unintentional activation, or a combination of both measures.

All controls located outside of the basket are fitted 50mm below the top of the basket rim and control enclosure. Controls located on the inside are fitted with a guard across the front of the controls.

We would like to remind you of the following:

Regularly **inspect** controls to ensure that all controls are physically guarded and/or mechanically lock in neutral.

Test the operation of all controls including emergency controls to ensure that they:

- Operate correctly and without excessive delay
- Operate freely and return to neutral when released
- Lock in neutral (if applicable)

**Report and rectify** any faults or damage that is discovered

**Do not store** any tools or equipment in the control cubical

**Do not modify** any part of your MEWP without consulting GMJ Equipment