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SHEQual Bulletin Ground Conditions

MWH have been made aware of the following incident.
The incident does not involve MWH.

Introduction

In line with business policy this bulletin is a result of the following:

- Workplace Incidents
- Near Miss/hit reports
- Operational Feedback Legislation change and or industry practice/guidance up-dates

Ground Conditions

An incident occurred, on a project where MEWP operator was moving his Z135 boom along the designated roadway when a ground plate gave way causing the machine to drop into the excavation below.

Issue Details

1. Operator was moving plant in designated area to set up in a new location with the basket at low level.
2. A general operative was at ground level providing direction to the MEWP operator.
3. Operative was secured to basket on a restraint line, suffered no injury and was recovered by another MEWP in use on site.

You Must Ensure:

- A. All ground conditions are suitable for the plant that is intended to use it i.e. cranes, MEWPs, telehandlers etc.
- B. ALL plant loading information is submitted to the client in advance of use and confirmation is received that the requirements will be met. This to include moving around site/site roads.
- C. Daily H&S reports are completed and any issues on ground conditions addressed before work commences.
- D. ALL access routes are clearly defined and a qualified banksman/MEWP operator is in attendance at ground level when moving from point to point on site.
- E. ALL incidents are reported immediately to the Construction Director/manager and the SHEQ department.

