

POWERED ELEVATING WORK PLATFORMS

Date Revised:	March 2021	Overall Task Risk Rating:	Before Controls	В	After Controls	С			
Description:	Activities that require the use of a powered elevating work platform, a mechanical device used to provide temporary access for people or equipment to inaccessible areas.								
Location(s):	Shop, Asphalt Plant & Construction Projects								
Associated Documents: Working at Heights WTS, Overhead Hazards WTS, Hazardous Agents WTS									

RED FLAGS (HOLD WORK UNTIL CORRECTED):

Note:

- If you have not received Working at Heights Training and Aerial Work Platform Training, you are not permitted to operate a Powered Elevated Work Platform (PEWP)
- If you do not have proper fall protection PPE, do not proceed until you have retrieved it

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (CSA APPROVED) Head High-Vis Hearing Hand Eve Respiratory Face Fall Protection \times $\mathbb{I} \times$ \times

Note:

- When onsite one must adhere to the minimum site requirements (i.e. Safety Boots, Hard Hat & High Visibility Protection Safety Glasses when necessary)
- Fall Protection PPE falls under Gazzola Pavings "Specialized PPE" Foreman and Superintendents can speak to H&S Coordinators to ensure sufficient specialized PPE is available for the task

SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

General Powered Elevated Work Platforms (PEWP) Practices:

- Do not use ladders or makeshift devices on top of platform to increase height
- Do not rest materials or equipment on guardrails
- Do not load a PEWP in excess of its rated working load
- Use as per the manufacturer's operating instructions (i.e. ensure the chain is secure across the access gate; do not climb on guard rails) & related legislature

Fall Prevention:

- 100% tie off in PEWP Wear a CSA approved full-body harness and tie off to the designated tie-off points
- Ensure equipment described in the Rescue Plan remains unused for other tasks, and available in case of emergency
- Refer to Working at Heights WTS and rescue procedures for more information

Powerline and Overhead Safety:

- Always check for overhead power lines before moving the machine and observe minimum distances from overhead power lines
- Allow for movement and sway of the machine when near overhead power lines
- Refer to Overhead Hazards WTS for more information

Environmental Considerations:

- Take extra precautions when using a PEWP on frozen ground thawing soil can become water-soaked and lose its ability to bear weight
- Do not use PEWPs during storms or high winds

Inspection:

All PEWP operators must conduct and record pre-use inspections on the Inspection Checklist

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- Inspect the machine before use (damaged, loose, missing or leaking parts; tire pressure; faulty connections; fuel supply; operational
 warning lights and buzzers; manufacturer's operating manual is present; safety devices such as tilt and motion alarms are functional; etc.)
- PEWPs must not be used if any defects are identified inform your superintendent / foreman, and they will arrange for it to be serviced
- Conduct a work area inspection looking for drop offs, holes, uneven surfaces, slopes, bumps, debris, overhead obstructions, etc.

Training:

- Employee Orientations (including roles, responsibilities, applicable workplace task standards, WHMIS, etc.)
- All workers using PEWP, must be trained in its' use, inspection and care
- Workers using PEWP, must have valid 'Working at Heights' training, from an MOL approved training provider
- Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to operate machinery or equipment
- Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to perform maintenance / repairs

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Workers on construction projects must wear, at a minimum, head, foot and high visibility protection. Eye protection when necessary
- Workers using PEWP, must have Fall Protection PPE

J	OB HAZARD AND RISK	RISK RATING SYSTEM A High risk of injury or equipment / p Medium risk of injury or equipment / pr Low risk of injury or equipment / pr	or equipment / property damage.	
	TASK HAZARDS	RATING BEFORE CONTROLS	TASK CONTROLS	RATING AFTER CONTROLS
•	Falls	В	 Workers using PEWP, must have Working at Heights PPE Workers using PEWP, must have valid 'Working at Heights' training 	С
•	Lack of Inspection	С	 All PEWP operators must conduct and record pre-use inspections PEWPs must not be used if any defects are identified - inform your superintendent / foreman Ensure there is a copy of the Operator's Manual and the Annual 	С
•	Equipment Failure, Improper PEWP use	С	Safety Inspection available on site PEWPs must be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions & related legislature	С
•	Equipment Overload	В	PEWPs must not be loaded in excess of their load ratings	С
•	Electrical Overhead Hazards	В	 Implement Overhead Hazards (Powerlines) WTS Overhead electrical hazards must be identified and avoided 	С
•	Lack of Training	С	All workers using PEWP, must be trained in its' use, inspection and care	С
•	Lack of Planning	O	 PEWPs must be stored in designated areas, and in a way, that does not limit or restrict access and egress pathways Do not operate within legislated safe approach distances of energized overhead electrical hazards (wires) 	С
•	Lack of Maintenance	С	PEWPs shall be operated and maintained as per the manufacturer's instructions	С

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SAFE JOB PROCEDURES (SJP)

Pre-Task Commencement:

- 1. Gather and wear the required PPE for the task on construction sites, all must wear head, foot and high visibility protection. Eye protection when necessary
- 2. Ensure the site-specific workplace violence assessment is complete
- Complete the Daily GAZZ Card and review with all workers the shift's tasks with any associated hazards and control strategies
- 4. Ensure all workers understand the GAZZ Card contents, and sign off in acknowledgement
- 5. Ensure controls are in place prior to commencing work so risks are mitigated / eliminated
- 6. Determine what equipment / machinery / tools and material, are required for the completion of the task
- Inspect all equipment / machinery / tools prior to use and document the inspections on appropriate forms when required
- 8. Ensure preventative maintenance activities have been completed where required, prior to using equipment / machinery / tools
- 9. If equipment / machinery / tools are observed to be damaged, remove it from use and notify the Foreman / Superintendent
- 10. Install fencing and hoarding where needed
- 11. Develop a Fall Protection Plan incorporating a travel restraint system, which will prevent workers from being ejected from PEWP
- 12. Develop a Rescue Plan should the worker require assistance, and in the event they are not able to lower themselves to ground level
- 13. Ensure all workers who will be working in the PEWP, have 'Working at Heights' training
- 14. Ensure all workers who will be working in the PEWP are trained in its' use, inspection and care
- 15. Inspect PEWP and the intended work area and complete appropriate inspection forms
- 16. Ensure workers inspect all Fall Protection Equipment, prior to each use (i.e. for fit and condition) and record it on the Inspection Checklist

During Task:

- Identify surrounding and local activities for avoidance
- 2. Mount PEWP using 3 points of contact
- 3. Workers must immediately attach their fall protection equipment to an appropriate anchor point 100% tie off mandated
- PEWPs must be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions & related legislature
- 5. Identify surrounding and local activities for avoidance

Task Completion:

- Ensure all equipment / machinery / tools are maintained and stored appropriately in the designated locations
- 2. Ensure all Fall Protection Equipment is kept in appropriate condition for further use
- Implement any housekeeping or maintenance as required

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