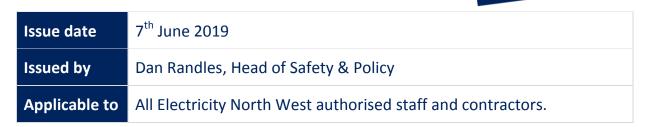
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## Safety Devices



During the inspection of a mobile elevating work platform (MEWP) fitted to a Bigtrak, a serious defect and safety hazard was found.



An inspector discovered that the tilt sensor, a critical safety device fitted to prevent overturning during extension of the boom, appeared to have been tampered with in an apparent attempt to override the safety function.

A safety investigation is to take place. However, initial indications are that this critical and potentially lifesaving safety device has been deliberately defeated. Through use of a small piece of cardboard wedged under the sensor, the machine could be used on a surface with a slope greater than its design capabilities and which may cause the machine to overturn.

A full inspection of all machines owned and operated by ENW will be performed to confirm that the tilt sensor is operating fully. **Please note: these devices are fitted for a specific purpose — to keep us safe.** 

## Key Points to Remember:

- 1. Staff are reminded that safety devices are installed to keep you and your colleagues safe
- 2. To interfere with or alter such devices is extremely dangerous and reckless
- 3. Under no circumstances should safety devices be altered or interfered with
- 4. Guidance on use of MEWPs can be found in CP430, Pt.1 Mod 255 WORK AT HEIGHT





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