

## Safer use of MEWPS

MEWPs (Mobile Elevated Working Platforms) are used by many trades to provide safe working at height. Often this can be hindered when the operator is required to use powered equipment such as drills or impact wrenches.

Trailing leads can be a real risk, especially if the MEWP is required to move location during the work. There are MEWPs available which have on-board power which enables the operator to connect tools in the basket as opposed to trailing leads down to a static generator at ground level.

This neat and simple solution to a long running problem has proved such a benefit that many contractors now insist that all MEWPs used on their sites have on-board power when required.

### Key Points

1. Trailing leads are a hazard which should be avoided.
2. On-board power means more efficient working.
3. MEWP's are available with 110V power to the platform.
4. MEWP's are available with air lines to the platform and some are available with welder ready packages.
5. An example of MEWP's with on-board power can be found at [www.genieindustries.com](http://www.genieindustries.com)
6. Sites and design teams can insist that MEWP's are equipped with power supplies.

