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## NEWSLETTER

### Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs)

MEWP is an industry term used to describe the powered machines used to provide safe temporary work platforms to carry out Work at Height. Types of MEWPs include Cherry Pickers, Scissor Lifts, Powered Access and Boom Lifts.



### MEWP Hazards

Working at height remains one of the biggest causes of fatalities and major injuries within the workplace.

The most significant MEWP dangers arise from the operation and use of a machine. Operator training and instructions are essential, along with the correct management and planning of use. It's important to take great care when selecting the correct MEWP for each job and site. Hazards surrounding the use of MEWPs must be properly controlled. These include: **Entrapment, Overturning, Falling and Collision.**

### Controlling the Risk

Prior to commencing works overhead, hazards and obstructions are identified within job risk assessments and appropriate control measures are put into place. Machines must be maintained as per manufacturers' recommendations by a competent person and inspections recorded. Any defects must be reported to the appropriate person as soon as they are detected. It is prohibited to drop or throw anything from height and the lowering of materials must be conducted in a controlled manner. Areas below Work at Height are designated hard hat areas and barriers and signage should be used. A 'Man Safe' system

must be used to prevent falls. In the absence of edge protection, operatives must always wear a safety harness. Lanyards of the correct type and length are to be connected to fixed anchor points. Tool Tether lanyards for attaching equipment such as drills and hand tools are to be used where practicable. Plans for rescuing someone from a MEWP should also be in place and practiced.

### Training

All operatives must be trained in the safe use of MEWPs and hold valid certification.

The IPAF powered access course instructs operators to prepare and safely operate various types of MEWPs. Containing a mixture of theory and practical training, the course enables operators to manoeuvre, drive and position the machine safely and proficiently. On successful completion, delegates receive a PAL (Powered Access Licence) photo ID card, giving instant recognition of identity and the categories accredited. The card is valid for 5 years, after which the delegate would need to be re-assessed.

IPAF training and Working at Height Courses are provided to all employees at **red rock electrical**.

### IET 18<sup>th</sup> Edition

The 18th Edition of The IET Wiring Regulations launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. Also known as BS 7671:2018, it's an opportunity for all electricians to be up to date with the latest industry standards.

For qualified electricians who have passed the 17<sup>th</sup> Edition since the last amendment, a One Day Update course is available. This course primarily focuses on the changes that have been introduced in the new 18<sup>th</sup> Edition. Candidates taking this course will sit a two-hour sixty question multiple choice City & Guilds 2382-18 exam which questions the candidates' knowledge of the IET BS7671 18th Edition Wiring Regulations publication.

*For more information regarding the 18<sup>th</sup> Edition courses, please contact the office.*

### Message from the MD....

*Silly season has kicked in and as predicted workload has continued to increase. As a result, we are continuing to actively recruit additional site staff. With that being said, if you know of any experienced electricians who would be a good addition to our company, please ask them to contact the office as we would be happy to discuss our current job opportunities with them.*

*It was great to have the opportunity to catch up with many of you at our recent summer party. It's become a great annual tradition of ours and one that we endeavor to continue.*

*As always, your hard work and maintenance of our high safety and quality standards is appreciated.*

Best wishes,

*Matt*

Mr July: Huw Davies





**Congratulations** to red rock's office manager Emma Tanner for winning her Ultra White Collar Boxing Match!



Over £14,500 was raised for **Cancer Research UK** by the group of boxers competing at the event in Exeter!



The Judges declared Emma the **winner** after the fight went the distance!

Many thanks to everyone who attended our **Summer Party** in July. It was great to be able to get out on the fishing boat, especially after last year's wash out. Plenty of mackerel were caught and we enjoyed a wonderful BBQ by the beach afterwards.

Special thanks to the staff at Riviera Cruises, Teignmouth and The Ferry Boat Inn, Shaldon for helping to create a great day.



*In other news....*



**Dawlish Carnival** 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

A great fun packed week with lots of activities in Dawlish and the surrounding areas. Activities include, Raft and Pram Races, Beach and Family Days concluding with a Grand Parade on Friday evening.

Our very own electrician 'PJ' is rumoured to be taking part in the Pram Race this year – that's got to be worth a watch!

**red rock electrical** is a proud sponsor of the carnival.



**CHAMPIONS! DAWLISH WIN THE TREBLE AGAIN!**

The 2017/2018 season was another successful campaign for **Dawlish United** u18 Girls Squad.

DJM League Under 18 Girls Division – **Winners**  
 DJM League Under 18 Girls League Cup Final - **Winners**  
 Devon FA u18 Girls Cup Final – **Winners**