



Health, Safety, Quality and Environmental Alert

Points Run-Through

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A Mobile Elevating Working Platform (MEWP) working on the OOCPA project was recently involved in a points run through, the points had been set by the point's operator and the points were left in the reverse position, as the OLE team in the MEWP were moving over the points to their site of work which was 300 metres either side of the points.

The MEWP had travelled over these points on numerous occasions without any problems.

Towards the end of their shift a S&T team were on site carrying out work on the points, when they had completed the work they set the points from reverse to the normal position.

The S&T team then left site and did not inform the OLE team who were still working in did not inform the OLE team who were still working in the vicinity of the points, that the points had been reset.

The MEWP then travelled over the points without the Machine Controller / Linesman Operator checking the points, this resulted in the front wheels of the MEWP derailing and single point end damage.

Actions required:

- The Machine Controller / Operator **must come to a complete stop** each and every time the machine arrives at a set of points.
- Machine Controller / Operator (Points Operator) must ensure the points have been set at both ends and in the correct position before commencing the move. A physical check must be made by the Machine Controller to ensure that the toe blades are fully flush with the rail.
- Points must be secured (Scotch & Clipped) before passing over any points: In accordance with
- GE/RT8000/HB4- Duties of a points operator and route setting agent moving and securing points by hand.
- Machine Controller must comply with GE/RT8000/HB15- Duties of the Machine Controller (MC)

Safety is an **Attitude** and we are all measured by our on and off site **Behaviours**, No job is that important as to cause you Harm.

