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	<b>Genie Z135/70 mobile elevating work platform boom failure</b>	Issue Date: 25/05/15	Author: Steve Milroy

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### Overview

On 22 March 2015 an incident involving a Genie Z135/70 Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) occurred at a Tata Steel site in Port Talbot - the Genie Z135/70 MEWP is a standard civils machine and not a road-rail vehicle.

Whilst attempting to slew the basket of the MEWP at full reach, the basket started to tilt towards the ground unexpectedly.

The operator was unable to correct this movement from the basket controls. Ground staff were also unable to correct the tilt on the basket from the ground controls and the basket could not be recovered to ground level.

The operator had to be rescued from the basket by another MEWP.



### Immediate Action Required

- All Genie Z135/70 MEWPs are prohibited from hire either directly by Network Rail or by any Principal Contractors or sub-contractors for use on or around Network Rail Managed Infrastructure or on Network Rail projects
- This prohibition will remain in place until the root cause of this incident has been released by the investigating technical experts and remedial actions taken and verified by the manufacturer and / or Network Rail, at which time an update to this Safety Advice will be issued

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