

Vanguard Structural Ltd

High-level external cladding panel installation using a scissor lift (MEWP)

Project Name: Riverside Quarter - Phase 2 Cladding
Principal Contractor: Sample Construction Ltd
Site Address: Riverside Quarter, Building B, Wharf Road, Manchester, M4 5AB
Client Company: Northbridge Developments Ltd
Start Date: 01/08/2026
Duration: 5 days

Method Statement (Sequence of Work)

1. Check weather forecast and wind speed against the MEWP manufacturer's maximum operating wind rating before mobilising; do not proceed if exceeded or forecast is deteriorating.
2. Carry out ground conditions inspection (level, firm, free of voids/drain covers) and set up exclusion zone/barriers around the scissor lift working area before use.
3. Complete pre-use MEWP inspection (visual and functional check, harness/lanyard anchor points, guardrails, controls, emergency lowering) and confirm the operator holds a valid IPAF licence for this category.
4. Install cladding panels from the platform, maintaining safe working practice at all times, keeping the platform within its rated safe working load and never leaning out over the guardrails.
5. Lower the platform fully, isolate and secure the MEWP at the end of shift; clear the work area of tools, offcuts and packaging, and remove or lock exclusion barriers as required.

Hazard	Who might be harmed?	Initial Risk (L x S = Score)	Control Measures	Residual Risk (L x S = Score)
Falling from height (MEWP)	Workers	4 x 5 = 20	[Existing] Pre-use MEWP checks, operator training, harness and lanyard use, guardrails on platform, emergency rescue plan.; Conduct refresher training on emergency lowering. Ensure regular spot checks on harness usage.; Site-specific rescue plan in place before work starts: primary rescue is via the platform's own descent controls; if these fail, the ground-level emergency lowering system is to be operated only by a trained person; if the platform still cannot be lowered, call 999 immediately. A nominated, rescue-trained person must be present on site at all times work at height is in progress.	2 x 5 = 10

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MEWP overturning	Workers Public	5 x 5 = 25	[Existing] Pre-use checks, competent operator, stable ground, outrigger use, maximum load adherence.; Ground bearing pressure test, fully extend outriggers with mats, avoid overloading MEWP.	2 x 4 = 8
Falling objects (panels/tools)	Workers	4 x 4 = 16	[Existing] Establish exclusion zones below work. Use tool lanyards. Securely handle all materials.; Erect full height debris netting around the work zone.	2 x 3 = 6
MEWP overturning/collision	Workers Public Contractors	3 x 5 = 15	[Existing] Ground condition checks, operator training, outrigger use, exclusion zones, banksman for movement.; Site-specific lift plan, barriers where public interface, regular MEWP maintenance.	2 x 4 = 8
Trapping/crushing by MEWP	Workers	3 x 4 = 12	[Existing] Anti-entrapment devices on MEWP, maintaining safe clearance distances, spotter on ground.; Select MEWP with secondary guarding systems. Implement strict communication procedures between operator and spotter.	2 x 3 = 6
Contact with overhead lines	Workers Public	2 x 5 = 10	[Existing] Pre-start survey identifying power lines. Safe working distances maintained. Establish no-go zones.; Request power line isolation. Implement goalpost barriers. Use non-conductive MEWP where appropriate.	1 x 4 = 4

Mandatory PPE

- Fall arrest harness
- Helmet with chin strap
- Non-slip footwear
- Safety Boots (Steel Toe Cap)
- Safety Helmet / Hard Hat
- Hi-Vis Vest / Clothing
- Protective Gloves
- Safety Glasses / Goggles

Emergency Contact: Site Supervisor is first aider. Assembly point: main site gate car park. Nearest A&E:: Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Signature: Simon Rosthwaite

Position: Project Supervisor

Date: 01/08/2026

Operative Read & Understood

Name	Signature	Date

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