



## MEWP Incident

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March around 20:30 in North Wales, whilst removing an LV back feed, the boom of an operational SPEN MEWP encroached on to a live carriageway coming in to contact with a bus causing slight damage, there were no injuries.

The MEWP was positioned on a grass verge adjacent to the carriageway, however, during operation, the boom slightly encroached on to the carriageway. No traffic management or lane closure was in place.

This incident has similarities to a previous incident in 2016 (see photo below) involving a SPEN line team, where the boom of the MEWP also extended into the live carriageway again, with no traffic management or lane closure in place.

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## Recommendations and action points

- Ensure work is planned properly and Setting To Work considerations are understood by everybody. For example, consider access and egress arrangements, duration of the task, the appropriate method for Working at Height, will the proposed method of work introduce other risks, traffic or pedestrian management requirements.
- Ensure that all risks are considered and appropriate control measures are put in place. Consider risks which can arise from our own activities, service partners, members of the public or other third parties.
- Remember the H&S Essentials:
  - We only undertake work we are competent to do
  - We think before we act assess and control the risks

***If it looks or feels unsafe, it probably is.***