



Overhead Work Rules

This document outlines the rules a shop employee must understand before they can work overhead in any of the Wirtz shops or stages.

Louis or Barber Overhead/Grid Work:

1. A ground supervisor must be designated to manage personnel below while overhead work is occurring.
2. The ground supervisor must take the following steps to prepare the space and workers below for overhead work:
 - Inform workers in the space that hardhats are now required onstage
 - Display "Workers Above" signs at all entrances to the stage
 - If a rigged item is being lifted from overhead, clear people from the area below
3. The overhead workers must take the following steps to prepare themselves for overhead work:
 - Inspect and don any fall protection equipment (as outlined in Fall Protection training)
 - Secure all tools and equipment you plan to bring up, either by attaching them to your person (via a lanyard or other tie), or carrying them up in a container or bucket
 - Empty unsecured items from your pockets
4. Shout out a warning if you drop anything from overhead
5. Always use a rope to lower objects from overhead; do not drop or toss objects down

Louis Loading Rail Work:

1. The steps listed above for Louis overhead work must be taken
2. The stage must be prepared for loading weight as detailed in the Fly System Operation document

MEWP Overhead Work:

1. All guidelines established in the MEWP Authorized User training must be followed
2. The MEWP operator must designate someone as their ground support
3. Ground support must take the following steps to prepare the space and workers below:
 - Inform workers in the space that hardhats are now required onstage
 - Display "Workers Above" sign near the area where you will be operating a MEWP
 - Your ground support person should clear all people away from the area around your MEWP
 - If working near to soft goods, goods must either be flown out, folded above wheel level, or cinched into a fabric bag and moved away from the wheels
4. The MEWP operator/occupant must take the following steps to prepare themselves for overhead work:
 - Secure all tools and equipment you plan to bring up, either by attaching them to your person (via a lanyard or other tie), or placing them in a container or bucket
 - Empty unsecured items from your pockets
5. Shout out a warning if you drop anything from overhead
6. Always use a rope to lower objects from overhead; do not drop or toss objects down