

Case Study



SmartZone device guides the police to stolen scissor lift

When a brand new scissor lift from our hire fleet was stolen from Pontefract Racecourse, we were able to track it as it was being transported along the M62 and guide the Police to its final destination.

This was possible because the Skyjack scissor lift was fitted with SmartZone, a safety and security device we developed which recently won a top industry award for innovation. The scissor lift has now been returned to us and the Police investigation is continuing.

The SmartZone card reader system improves safety and security for contractors and operators of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs) by controlling access to the machines. The system provides innovative features such:

- Full audit trails of machine use and operators
- Locks and unlocks from the operator's SmartCard
- Flexible multiple or single user access
- Will not work with alternative machine control boxes
- Prevents unauthorised machine use
- Works with IPAF SmartCard.

Paul Maxwell, AFI Business Development Manager, said:

"This incident really does highlight the benefits of SmartZone. We had used the scissor lift as a demonstration machine at an industry Working Well Together event at the racecourse but when we went to collect it later, it had been taken."



SmartZone fitted on one of our machines

"I then accessed SmartZone remotely from my laptop and saw that the machine had been moved to Batley in West Yorkshire. We informed the Police but before they could get to the location the machine was on the move again, this time westbound along the M62. It ended up on an industrial estate in Lancashire."

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"The Police couldn't gain entry straight away to the building where it had been stowed so we then accessed SmartZone remotely again, this time to isolate the machine, ensuring that it couldn't be moved again. The Police entered the building the next day and we were able to get the machine back."

SmartZone is available for our customers to add on to their MEWP hire or purchase, for more information and to see a video of SmartZone in action visit afi-group.co.uk/workzone.html



We won the 'Equipment Supplier of the Year' award at Construction News Specialists Awards, for the development of SmartZone.