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Changing shattered lives through training

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Don't take chances on work at height



IPAF supports the HSE's Shattered Lives campaign encouraging the construction and allied industries to explore the safest and most appropriate methods of working at height. The Powered Access Licence (PAL Card) is the most widely accepted proof of training in the safe and productive use of all types of powered access.

As a further incentive to join the other 10,000 who will be trained this year, a member of our IPAF training centres are offering a £20 discount on IPAF operator training on presentation of the voucher.

Safety legislation requires you to be properly trained on any equipment you use for access to height. Equally importantly, getting the very best sort of powered access is only possible if you have been trained.

IPAF instructors are all highly experienced operators themselves. So as well as ensuring your safety and the safety of others on site, they will show you how to maximise the substantial economic and productivity benefits and improved working conditions to be had from using powered access.

Full details of Training Centres taking part in the promotion are available by calling IPAF on: 015395 62444 or at the Training section of www.ipaf.org




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IPAF vouchers that give course participants a £20 discount at participating IPAF-approved training centres are being distributed by the HSE.

The vouchers are valid until 31 December 2008.

Don't chance it when working at height. Change it by getting proper and adequate training. Participating training centres can be found at www.ipaf.org

Clarification on Balfour Beatty policy

IPAF has clarified with Balfour Beatty that it is not requiring hire companies to supply MEWPs only from a single manufacturer and that it is not requiring additional modifications on MEWPs, following concerns over the document Balfour Beatty Policy & Background Information - Procurement & Operation of MEWPs (Issue 1 - April).

Balfour Beatty issued the above document because it is concerned about the risk of MEWP operators becoming trapped between the platform controls and an adjacent object, losing control of MEWP movements and sustaining serious injury. It wants to encourage design developments that safeguard against this risk, but is not recommending that shrouds should be removed from foot pedals in MEWP baskets and is not requiring additional protection on any MEWP.

IPAF has issued a statement formulated in consultation with Balfour Beatty clarifying the

above points. The statement can be viewed at www.ipaf.org

IPAF manufacturers and hirers view the issues raised by Balfour Beatty as extremely serious and are working with the company on research and design initiatives that protect against the risk of sustained involuntary operation. For instance, IPAF has successfully lobbied for the revision of the European safety by design standard (prEN280) to include a requirement to protect against "sustained involuntary operation of platform controls" and manufacturers are expecting notified bodies to take account of this requirement in their assessments of designs. IPAF stresses that MEWPs should not be modified or fitted with additional equipment unless specific authorisation has been obtained from the manufacturer. Unauthorised modifications are likely to invalidate a machine's CE mark and make it illegal to use within the EU and some other countries.

IPAF members are welcome to contact the IPAF technical officer with any additional queries.

Open meeting for IPAF hire members

IPAF is holding an open meeting of hire members at Haydock Park during Vertikal Days on 25 June at 15:30. The meeting will be chaired by Austin Baker of AFI-Uplift and all IPAF hire members are welcome to attend.

Topics for discussion include: what can IPAF do for you?; greening the access industry; marketing the access industry; reaching out to architects; involving young people; promoting safety; etc. To confirm attendance and add topics, send an e-mail to info@ipaf.org.

Details at www.ipaf.org/events

ISO 18878 compliance

IPAF continues to be the only organisation that complies to ISO 18878:2004 Mobile elevating work platforms - Operator (driver) training, as certified by TÜV following an audit in April.

Auditor Paul Latham cited IPAF's maturity of operational controls and ongoing development, strong surveillance system and clear customer focus as positive aspects.

IPAF Rental+ meeting

The IPAF Rental+ Committee will meet at Haydock Park during Vertikal Days on 25 June at 14:00.

Annual report

IPAF issued its Annual Report in a new format to coincide with its 25th anniversary. This publication gives an overview of the year's activities and achievements.

Free copies can be obtained by e-mailing info@ipaf.org.

It is also available online at the Publications section of www.ipaf.org



Send us your best shot

The first entries have been received for the IPAF photo contest. Do continue to send us photos of MEWPs and MCWPs being used correctly. Details at www.ipaf.org/photo

PDS for instructors

The Professional Development Seminar for IPAF instructors will be held on 24 September at the Best Western Moat House, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 5BQ. The PDS is a forum for information exchange between those who manage and those who deliver the training.

IPAF has arranged for a discounted room rate of £99 including breakfast. Book four weeks before the PDS and quote "IPAF Seminar". Call the hotel direct on 0870 225 4601. Details at www.ipaf.org/events

The PDS helps instructors remain up-to-date with legislation and training.



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