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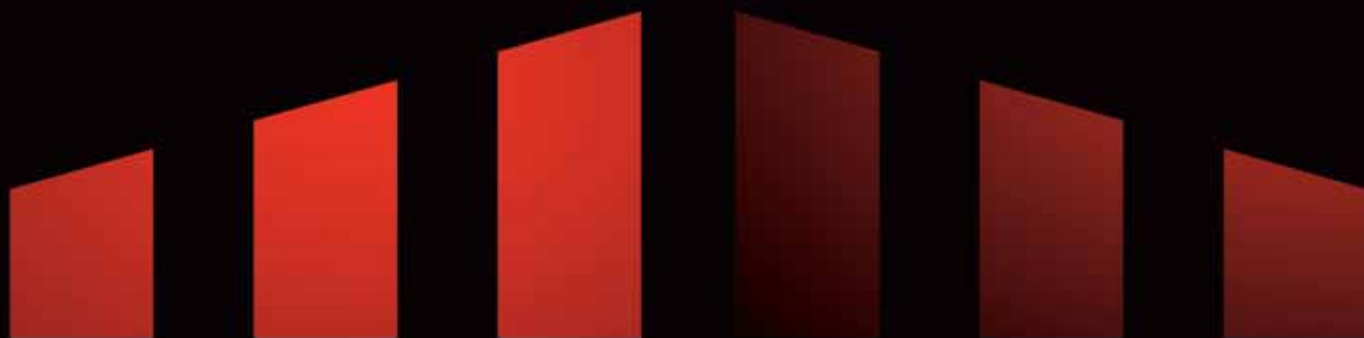
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HSE Shattered Lives Campaign

Starting mid-February 2008, PASMA will be actively supporting the Health and Safety Executive's national Shattered Lives Campaign.

Directed principally at those working in the building and plant maintenance sectors, the campaign will promote competence under the Work at Height Regulations. It aims to make sure that anyone involved in work at height has the knowledge and experience necessary to complete a task safely.

A major theme of the campaign will be the clear connection between competency and training. The HSE's advertising campaign will direct users to the PASMA website for details of those PASMA approved training centres participating in the promotion by offering a campaign-linked discount.

Mainly web-based, it will include new pages on the HSE website highlighting the range of skills and knowledge that an HSE or Local Authority inspector looks for when assessing competency in the workplace.



The campaign includes a new interactive page indicating typical errors when working at height. This can be accessed at the following address: www.hse.gov.uk/falls/heightaware/flashindex.htm and will form the front end of the campaign pages.

Falls from height continue to be the major cause of fatalities in the workplace with 45 deaths in 2006/07 and 3,409 major injuries, an increase on the previous year.

Allan Kingsbury wins PASMA Prize



(L-R) Rob Rawlinson, Geoff Lister and Allan Kingsbury at the presentation

Allan Kingsbury is the winner of the 2007 PASMA Prize at Leeds College of Building. He is seen here at the prize giving ceremony in Leeds Town Hall with Geoff Lister, president of the Federation of Master Builders, and Rob Rawlinson, a Leeds Carnegie Rugby Union player.

Kingsbury won best student in Year One of the college's roof, slate and tiling course. Now in his second year, he works for Max Abraham (Roofing Contractors) Ltd.

PASMA appoints first national training manager

On 4th February 2008 Stuart Hopkins becomes PASMA's first national training manager. He joins the association from HSS - Hire Service Group where he was formerly group senior trainer.

A versatile manager with more than 20 years of experience in personnel management,

administration and training with HSS, Hopkins is already a PASMA instructor and well known and respected throughout the industry.

PASMA managing director, Peter Bennett said: "Stuart is a proven achiever with excellent leadership and organisational skills. He will be an enormous asset to the association at a decisive and all important time in its development."



Stuart Hopkins



Aluminium tower system on council house refurbishment project for East Thames Housing. Project value £75,000. Picture courtesy of Atrium Access Ltd, Essex.

Towers In Action

New Year's honour for past chairman

Congratulations are in order for Brian Houston on gaining an MBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to the construction industry. Houston is the immediate past chairman of the association and a Council member.



Brian Houston MBE

Regional Training Scheme Auditor (Northern Region)

As part of its ongoing development plans, PASMA will shortly be announcing the engagement of a new training scheme auditor. Training centres in the north of England and Scotland can therefore look forward to seeing a new face at their next scheduled or, indeed, unannounced audit.

Access Industry Forum

As a leading member of the Access Industry Forum [AIF], PASMA will again be participating in the Access Live, Access Village and Access Seminar activities planned for the 2008 Safety & Health Expo, 13-15 May 2008.