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All training centres above offer IPAF approved and audited courses for Operators of Mobile aerial work platforms, European directives require that all staff are fully and adequately trained in the safe use of the equipment they operate.

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JLG introduces on-line training

JLG has developed an on-line Learning Management System to deliver training. In addition to taking on-line courses, customers can also maintain their training history for both on-line and classroom courses.

Todd Truax, JLG Industries director of training said: "On-line training is the fastest growing venue for training in education and business offering a convenient and effective means for customers to build their skills and knowledge in a variety of functional areas pertinent to their business.

On-line training reduces travel expense, time away from work and enhances the learning experience."

JLG currently has four courses available online: Basic Electric, Basic Hydraulic, Warranty Fundamentals and Service Bench.

The company says that it plans to develop its on-line training to complement its existing instructor-led courses, which in future will require an on-line component to be taken prior to going on a JLG training course, helping make the courses more efficient with increased hands-on time and instructor interaction.



JLG training

Fork lift platform costs £13,000

UK building developer, Wynbrook, of Stapleford, Nottingham has been fined £10,000 plus £3,000 in prosecution costs after an electrician fell more than two metres from a fork mounted work platform mounted to a telehandler. The operator of the telehandler had not been trained in the correct use of the non integrated platform and had failed to secure it to the forks.

The platform became unstable and fell off of the forks, causing the electrician injuries which left him unable to work for more than eight months. The telehandler operator failed to use the retaining pin to prevent the forks from being dropped accidentally.

Health & Safety Inspector Martin Giles said: "This incident could have been avoided if the company had managed this risk by ensuring the telehandler driver had the appropriate training required to carry out the lifting operation safely."

Moving a big mobile

A 250 tonne Demag AC665 All Terrain crane tipped over at the Laverton Power station, on the outskirts of Melbourne, Victoria, earlier this month while it was being moved with boom raised and full counterweight installed.



The owner of this crane was lucky, had he been properly trained in how to move a fully rigged crane?

With no mechanical slew lock, the slew brake was unable to hold the superstructure, which slewed over the side after the chassis tilted as it moved. The shifting counterweight caused the crane to tip until fortunately it came to rest on its counterweight. Why the boom was raised rather than stowed in the boom rest we do not know.

Harness saves life

When one end of a suspended platform parted company with its hoist line some 20 metres up in Sydney earlier this month, it dumped its two young occupants.

One was wearing a harness attached to the safety line and escaped any injuries, the other who was reported not to have been wearing a harness, fell to his death. The two - apparently teenagers - were helping paint the four-storey Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club building when the accident occurred. The survivor was pulled into the building through a window. 12811-1, which supersedes BS 5973.

Some main contractors want the guidance to be implemented immediately although the HSE has agreed not to fully enforce it for the first two years.



The survivor is pulled through an open window to safety.



Tower crane rescue training

Construction company Morgan Ashurst joined forces with East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service earlier this month to carry out a simulated rescue from a tower crane at the University of Brighton's Moulsecoomb campus.

Trained rescuers from the Rescue Service scaled the 50 metre high tower crane to simulate an operator rescue from the crane's cab. The procedure is one that would be performed if the

driver suffered a heart attack or collapse. Morgan Ashurst is building a new £17 million centre for pharmacy and bio-molecular science.



The crane operator gets 'rescued' in this training exercise



Who trained him then?

Spotted on a roof in the UK, this man and his friends have clearly had little training on working efficiently at height. They are using a roof ladder, but nothing else to work on the chimney which is being rebuilt. Our man is obvious not oblivious to safety, as he is sporting a face mask, and he has a man 'footing' the ladder. One wonders though why not a chimney scaffold or a small trailer or spider lift?

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