

Are your staff **properly trained?** **Don't risk it** call a certified local company today



Tel: 08707 871511
Email: training@afi-uplift.co.uk
www.afi-uplift.co.uk



Hull
Tel: 01482 227333 • Fax: 01482 587710
Email: enquiries@peter-hird.co.uk
www.peter-hird.co.uk



Midlands & North 0844 856 0001
South West 0844 856 0002
South & South East 0844 856 0003
training@panther.uk.com



Local, reliable access rental
www.platform-rentals.co.uk



All you need in access rental



Central Booking Line 0845 601 1032
training@nationwideplatforms.co.uk
www.nationwideplatforms.co.uk



Tel: 01793 766744
Email: training@hi-reach.co.uk
www.hi-reach.co.uk



Tel: UK 08457 66 77 99 ROI 1850 924 381
Email - training@hss.com
www.hsstraining.com

AerialPlatformsLtd
Specialists in Platform Hire



Tel: 0800 0853709

e: training@aerialplatformsltd.co.uk w: www.aerialplatformsltd.co.uk



Tel: 0845 0710 007
Email: training@horizonplatforms.co.uk
www.horizonplatforms.co.uk



Tel: 0115 9008855 • Fax: 0115 9008880
Email: drobinson@loxam-access.co.uk
www.loxam-access.co.uk



Contact: Access Training
Tel: 01942 888 945
Email: accesstraining@hewden.co.uk
www.hewden.co.uk



Tel: 0845 27 ACTIVE(228483) • Fax: 01698 281 735
Email: andrewmccusker@activesafetytraining.co.uk
www.activerentals.co.uk



For further information on our
IPAF Access Safety Training
courses please contact:

Web: www.aplant.com
Tel: 0845 600 8573
E-mail: cts@aplant.com



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.

See www.ipaf.org for full listing

Contractor fined £1 for fatality

Principal contractor, Glenmill Group (Developments) Ltd has been fined just £1 following a death on one of its UK sites. It was also ordered to pay £13,793 in costs.

The incident took place during the construction of three new office buildings at the Altham Industrial Estate, near Altrincham, Lancashire. Glenmill had sub-contracted Howorth Scaffolding Services Ltd to erect scaffolding during the construction of the buildings. On 10th May 2006 Peter Walton, 55, was working as a sub-contractor fixing wall-plates to the building's steel framework so that trusses could be installed.

While working he stepped on

an unsecured scaffolding board and fell five metres to the ground. He struck his head during the fall and died in hospital five weeks later.

The HSE attended the scene on the day of the incident and discovered that the scaffolding had numerous safety failings including the board that gave way had not been properly tightened; lack of adequate edge protection across the scaffold and unsafe foundations. A Prohibition Notice was issued immediately, requiring the scaffold to be made safe before



The scaffolding immediately following the fatal accident

work resumed.

HSE inspector Ian Connor said: "Both these companies contributed to Peter Walton's death by failing to follow the proper safety procedures for putting up scaffolding. Howorth Scaffolding should have made sure that it constructed the scaffolding properly and Glenmill Group should have ensured it was safe before allowing construction workers on to it. This is an extremely sad case,

which, once again, shows how important it is to follow health and safety regulations. It's vital that construction companies do more to prevent deaths and injuries in the future."

Howorth Scaffolding, of Accrington Road in Hapton, was fined £25,000 plus £13,793 costs. The judge said the fines reflected the companies' current financial situations.

£46,000 for telehandler accident

Strata Homes Yorkshire Ltd has been prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive following an accident on the 7th April 2009 in which Anton Burrows, 24, was left paralysed from the waist down. Burrows was working as part of a bricklaying team subcontracted to Strata Homes and was helping the telehandler operator to lift a steel beam onto two brick pillars.

The beam had initially landed on the pillars as intended, however as the forks were withdrawn they caught the beam dislodging it from the pillars and causing it to fall onto Burrows. He suffered extensive injuries including spinal damage which has left him as a quadriplegic. Strata was fined

£30,000 plus costs of £16,062 after pleading guilty to breaching Regulation 8 of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998.

HSE inspector Alasdair Green said: "The terrible injuries sustained in this incident have changed the way of life for Burrows and his family for ever. Had the lifting operation been properly planned and supervised, in line with the regulations, the Approved Code of Practice and HSE's guidance, this devastating incident which could have very easily killed someone, would have been avoided."



Spain works on training standard

Spain could become the first country to develop a national standard for aerial lift operator training. Sub-committee nine of AENOR's (the Spanish standards institute) Technical Committee 58 has started work on agreeing the criteria for Mobile Elevating Work Platform operator training.

While European directives dictate that operators must be trained, Spain's Health and Safety at Work laws currently make no mention of any minimum requirements for the type of training required, leading to uncertainty and confusion due to the varying quality standards of training courses on offer in Spain.

IPAF is actively participating in the AENOR working group and sharing its knowledge and experience from its MEWP operator training programme that is certified by TÜV as conforming to ISO 18878.

LEEA accreditation for Certex

UK-based lifting gear distributor, Certex UK, has won Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEA) accreditation for two of its most popular training courses. The two day Lifting Gear Examination Course, which covers the skills required by a lifting engineer to carry out periodic inspections of lifting gear in accordance with LOLER regulations, and the LOLER and PUWER Course, aimed at managers and users looking to gain a better understanding of the legal requirements of the Statutory Instructions. A third course on Wire Rope Socketing is in the process of being accredited.



Geoff Holden, chief executive of the LEEA with Adrian Kirkham, training manager for Certex UK.

Who trained him then?



Spotted in Ireland, a man with an eye for innovation rather than the niceties of using the right equipment. He has gone to some lengths to create a work platform for his telehandler - which clearly meets no standards.