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# New BSI standard for complex towers

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The British Standards Institution (BSI) has published a revised standard for complex access tower structures. Developed in conjunction with PASMA, BS 1139-6 Metal Scaffolding specifies the requirements for the structural design of prefabricated tower scaffolds utilising components from standard mobile access and working towers specified in BS EN 1004, but in configurations that are outside the scope of the standard.

The new standard is of major importance to any PASMA member involved in the design and build of special/custom towers in complex configurations and PASMA members in the 'Hire and Assembly' category in particular must be fully familiar with the implications of the standard, which should be read in conjunction with EN 1004, the European standard for towers.

The revision, which PASMA played a key role in bringing forward, covers, amongst other things, clarification of the scope, updated terms and definitions, dimensions for certain components, new requirements for structural design and positional stability, new requirements for design verification, and new requirements for marking and for the information to be

supplied with the towers.

Michael Fern, PASMA's communications and social media officer, said: "Anyone specifying the use of a complex tower should ensure that it meets the safety requirements of this latest standard. The simplest way to do so is to hire a PASMA 'Hire and Assembly' member, safe in the knowledge that those carrying out the work will have been trained to the highest level based on BS 1139-6."



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For more details, and to purchase a full copy of the standard, visit: [www.pasma.co.uk](http://www.pasma.co.uk)

## Towers on Stairs

Towers on Stairs, one of the latest courses from PASMA, teaches delegates how to build stepped towers. The course covers the latest legislation,

regulations and guidance for towers as well as focusing on the issues specific to building them on stairs.

To carry out the one day training course delegates must already have a PASMA 'Tower for Users' photo-card and a good working knowledge of work at height. Comprising of both theory and practical sessions, every delegate receives a course content and notes booklet, together with a current PASMA Code of Practice.

Other courses currently available through the PASMA training network include:



- Work at Height Essentials
- Towers for Users
- Combined Towers and Low Level Access
- Low Level Access
- Towers for Managers
- Towers for Riggers

## Another record year for training

PASMA members trained over 65,000 people in 2014, setting yet another record for the number of people benefiting from the experience and expertise of PASMA training centres.

Chairman, Chris Blantern, said: "Not only has the number of PASMA trained people grown year on year, but the number of ways in which the association helps to keep people safe and productive has also broadened. A particular focus for the year ahead will be low level access, as the association continues to promote the benefits of PAS 250 - the specification for pulpits and podiums sponsored by PASMA and developed in collaboration with the BSI." "This, combined with PASMA's Low Level Access training course and the availability of the 'Accidents can happen even at low level' DVD will, we hope, make a significant contribution to safety and best practice in this important sector of the market. 2015 promises to be an exciting and challenging year for the association."



PASMA chairman Chris Blantern

## PASMA and the AIF

As a founder member of the Access Industry Forum (AIF), PASMA will be actively supporting a number of AIF initiatives throughout 2015. These include the development and launch of the much anticipated definitive online resource for work at height - WAHopedia - the introduction of the Managing Work at Height training course, and a national AIF conference supported by WWT alongside APS, HAE and IIRSM scheduled for the Autumn.

The Access Industry Forum comprises of BSIF, EPF, FASET, IPAF, IRATA, the Ladder Association, PASMA, SAEMA and WAHSA.



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For information about EN 1004, BS 1139-6 and PAS 250 visit the PASMA website.