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# Accident reporting a must for IPAF member rental companies

From 1 January 2013, IPAF rental company members in the UK must report any known aerial lift accidents involving their staff on the IPAF accident database ([www.ipaf.org/accident](http://www.ipaf.org/accident)). The move to mandate accident reporting as a condition of IPAF membership for UK rental companies was agreed at the first meeting of the IPAF UK Country Council and subsequently ratified by the IPAF Council, the Federation's main governing and decision-making body.

"This is the initiative for IPAF," said Peter Douglas, chairman of the IPAF UK Country Council, who has been leading the accident reporting campaign. "We need to make the industry safer. Go to the IPAF website and report accidents. The data collected will help indicate the most common high-risk

behaviours. And if we can reduce those, we will gradually reduce the number of fatal and serious accidents. The initial mandate is for UK rental companies to report all lost time incidents for their employees. But all members are strongly encouraged to get on board and report all accidents, near misses and contractor incidents they are aware of. The more information, the better armed we will be to reduce accidents in our industry."

"Companies who commit to report accidents at the IPAF database will be able to confidentially record data and create their own register of accidents," added IPAF technical officer Chris Wraith. "The system requires companies to 'sign off' monthly on their accident records. In return, a dashboard feature analyses the company data in a graphical format, providing a management tool to monitor safety performance. Individual companies will be able to compare their safety performance against aggregated results from across all rental company members and recognised industry benchmarks. IPAF's accident reporting system gives the industry the means to comprehensively collect and analyse accident data and at the same time provide a valuable management tool to improve safety in the workplace."

[www.ipaf.org/accident](http://www.ipaf.org/accident)



IPAF member rental companies will be required to report all accidents and lost time incidents involving their employees



Peter Douglas  
of Nationwide Platforms

## Peter Douglas to chair IPAF UK Country Council

Peter Douglas, executive director of operations at Nationwide Platforms, was elected chairman of the newly formed IPAF UK Country Council at its first meeting on 19th September in Edinburgh. Ben Hirst, joint managing director of Horizon Platforms, and representing the Access Alliance, was elected vice-chairman.

"This new UK Council will devote itself to UK issues and will be a force to help the UK powered access industry move forward," said Douglas. "IPAF has grown internationally over the last few years and there has at times not been enough resources dedicated to UK-specific issues. The forming of this Council will change that."

IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman added: "The forming of the UK Council is extremely significant for IPAF and something that we have been working towards in the last years. The move is intended to make sure that today's international IPAF is still fully relevant to the needs of UK members."

The IPAF UK Country Council has 24 members, with a range of industry experience representing rental

companies, manufacturers, training centres and suppliers.

"Our first meeting was very productive," said Douglas. "We agreed to a full review of member benefits and to develop a two-year formal plan for the popular IPAF regional meetings. There was a lot of positive energy at the meeting and vice-chairman Ben Hirst and I need to ensure that we retain this, that issues are kept relevant, and that we make some good decisions as a group."

The next meeting of the IPAF UK Country Council is planned for 5th December. Details will be posted at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events). IPAF UK members with any issues for discussion should contact Peter Douglas, Ben Hirst, or IPAF directly.

## Professional development for instructors

Professional Development Seminars (PDS) for IPAF instructors and training centres are being held on 18th October at the De Vere Milton House, Oxford OX13 6AF and on 6th November at the Holiday Inn Leeds, Wakefield WF5 9BE. Details are at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

## Scottish regional meeting in November

IPAF regional meetings are a simple and effective way to learn about the industry and meet other colleagues. The next regional meeting will take place on 21st November at 18:00 in Scotland at the Hilton Strathclyde Hotel, Bellshill ML4 3JQ.

## New member benefit: Equipment rentals insurance

IPAF members, including IPAF Rental+ companies, can benefit from the JCB Insurance Hiremax scheme which offers insurance specially designed for rental companies. Details are at the Services/Member Benefits section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)

