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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.

See www.ipaf.org for full listing



This man is not only putting himself at risk if he steps backwards

Was he trained?

Spotted in a major exhibition hall earlier this year, a stand fitting employee has clearly been furnished with an alloy scaffold tower, an ideal piece of equipment for working safely at height. However, you will need two hands to count the number of serious safety violations. The way the tower has been set up, with no guardrails fitted presents a very high risk of an accident occurring, given the duration of the job and his concentration on it. A simple step back and that's it. As if this was not enough the platform is not fitted correctly either the man has no notion at all of how the tower should be set up or he simply does not care and cannot be bothered to correct what is clearly a major error.

All too often the latter is the case, the problem is that should he fall and injure himself, or in the worse case die, he will not be the only one affected. Work on the exhibition stand would come to an immediate stop, a major investigation will commence, the

entire exhibition hall might be closed down until the police are done. On top of that the company who contracted the stand builder along with the exhibition organisers and the owner of the hall might well come under investigation. Other people working close by will unquestionably be shaken up if the fall is fatal, particularly if it is messy. His family of course are not exactly going to be ecstatic about his demise and those who have to clear up the mess are not going to go home that evening with a spring in their step.

It could of course be worse! He might fall on top of a passing stranger, someone minding their own business having a great day and suddenly an 80kg lump drops on their head and breaks their neck. All because the man was either not trained on how to use the tower and/ or he couldn't be bothered to ask how it went together or to even level up the platform.

Fit for purpose?

Three men needed to go to work on the roof of a building under construction, when looking at how to get up there they had the inspiration to use the scissor lift that was already on site. Up they went and once at the height of the roof, the roll out deck was extended and the three then climbed over the guardrails on to the roof. It then appeared as though the scissor platform was used as a rubbish bin for waste from the roof, mostly lightweight materials such as polythene packaging etc.. The question is is this a safe and reasonable use of an aerial work platform? Given how we witnessed it being used, it was certainly a good deal safer than climbing a ladder, however it struck us that a lift or stairway designed for the job would have been a better method.



Is this a correct and safe use for a scissor lift?

NPORS resigns from CPCS

Representatives of training programme - National Plant Operators Registration Scheme have resigned their places on the management committee of CPCS, (the Construction Plant Competence Scheme).

NPORS was a founder member of the scheme in July 2003, offering the CPCS card alongside its own training course which delivers the NPORS card. The decision to leave follows a CPCS statement of the way in which member organisations must approach conflicts of interest between their role as providers of CPCS cards and their own cards.

Priorities



Boots, hats and yellow vests but no harnesses in boom lifts

On a small site in Oxfordshire in September with two articulated boom lifts and rough ground, yellow vests, boots and hats were highlighted as obligatory and yet no harnesses were being used by the boom operators. Given the site conditions the yellow vest and hat, even the boots.. hardly seemed essential, given the real risks. Operating a boom lift without a harness... is always a risk. It is time we got the message across.

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