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# Ringling the changes

As well as advocating the need to only use towers that comply with the minimum safety requirements of European product standard EN1004, PASMA is championing the flexibility of towers in a variety of different applications. Typical of these advanced configurations are large decks, bridging and façade tower structures, along with stepped, cantilever and high-level structures.

Typically a large deck structure comprises a series of towers joined together in two or more directions in a grid linked with bridging beams and platforms.

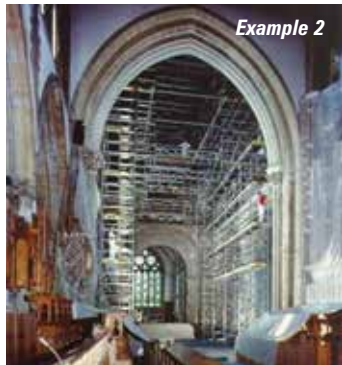
They are sometimes referred to as 'birdcage scaffold' or 'boxing ring'. In the first example (1), a mobile tower has been used to provide access to install insulation, wiring and a suspended ceiling in a large auditorium. It was the preferred solution for a number of reasons:



Example 1

- Access to the auditorium was very constricted
- The components could be assembled on a suspended floor
- The tower itself was very lightweight
- It could be built and dismantled quickly and easily
- It was fully mobile on rails to allow for multi-location working

In the second example (2), towers were used to provide access for extensive renovation work in a cathedral. A bridging structure was chosen to span objects that could not be temporarily relocated and to provide a working area over non-load bearing surfaces. The tower structure represented an effective and price competitive approach.



Example 2

In the third example (3), a stepped structure was utilised in which the end frames sat on different levels. It provided access for work over a swimming pool and had one end standing on the narrow surround and the other immersed in water standing on the pool floor.

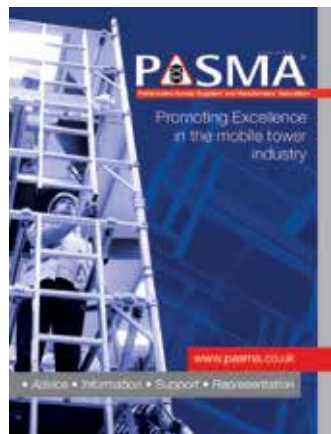


Example 3

A new leaflet showcasing the 'advantages, diversity and potential' of towers is now available from the association and can be obtained by emailing [info@pasma.co.uk](mailto:info@pasma.co.uk)

## Promoting excellence

PASMA has produced a new information pack highlighting the knowledge, advice, support and training available from the association. 'Promoting excellence in the mobile access tower industry' is free and can be obtained by emailing: [info@pasma.co.uk](mailto:info@pasma.co.uk)



## On course

The association currently trains in excess of 60,000 delegates a year, each of whom receive a PASMA certificate of competence and training identity PhotoCard - increasingly the only proof of tower competence accepted in the UK workplace.

A PASMA PhotoCard represents demonstrable proof that the holder has been trained to best practice standards based on the latest legislation and most current guidance which, importantly, PASMA plays a lead role in developing. For example, it was consulted extensively on the Health and Safety Executive's new and simplified guidance on working at height.

Delivered by the association's nationwide network of approved training centres, the courses currently on offer are:

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

Aimed at advanced users of mobile access towers and currently only available to PASMA Hire & Assembly members, a new course, Towers for Riggers, shows how to assemble, use and dismantle complex towers in a variety of different configurations.

For more information on any of the courses visit: [www.pasma.co.uk](http://www.pasma.co.uk)



## Which bits are you missing?

'Working at height: Which bits are you missing?' is the title of PASMA's presentation to be delivered by PASMA training director Don Aers in the CoreSkills+ stream at the 2014 IOSH Conference at Excel, London, on Wednesday, 18 June at 11.30.

Working in consultation with HSE, and in partnership with Hire Association Europe (HAE) and RoSPA, PASMA has launched a new campaign championing European tower standard EN1004 which highlights how choosing and using the right mobile access tower can make the difference between coming home safely or spending the day in A&E - or worse!

Aers will also explain how to specify, buy or hire the right tower equipment, and how to use it safely. More information on this can be found at: [www.safety-health-expo.co.uk](http://www.safety-health-expo.co.uk)



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