

# International standard for mast climbers

On IPAF's proposal, the British Standards Institute (BSI) Committee MHE/12 has agreed to submit the relevant paperwork to the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) requesting the drafting of an international standard for training on Mast Climbing Work Platforms.

The draft international standard is expected to draw upon as a basis for discussion, the existing British standard BS 7981:2002 Code of practice for the installation, maintenance, thorough examination and safe use of MCWPs.

## Red diesel IPAF lobbies for MEWP exemption

IPAF is pushing for Vehicle-Mounted Platforms to be classified as Excepted Vehicles in the same way as cranes, following the Revenue and Customs' plan to withdraw the right to use discounted red diesel. IPAF has consulted its members to collect data on the extent of fuel use on and off the road, with the aim of proving its argument that the fuel usage patterns of platforms are similar to those of cranes.

"There is no compelling reason why platforms should be treated differently from cranes in this respect," said Tim Whiteman, IPAF Managing Director. "There is a risk that platforms will be put at a competitive disadvantage compared with other means of access. This contradicts the Health and Safety Executive's efforts to promote the safe use of proper equipment to work at height."

## A clean bill of health to use MEWPs

As the assembly and use of mobile elevating work platforms can be physically demanding, users should be physically fit and in good health and should, generally, not have problems with eyesight, hearing, literacy and language comprehension.

IPAF has issued a health and fitness statement stressing that as the safe use of MEWPs requires that users consult safety notices and read and thoroughly understand the manufacturer's instruction manual, literacy and language comprehension are important requirements for any user. Users should generally also not have problems with heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, fear of heights/vertigo, giddiness/difficulty with balance, impaired limb function, alcohol or drug dependence or psychiatric illness.

Those having any problems with literacy or language, or having any doubts about their fitness to use MEWPs, must bring these to the attention of their employer. This need not preclude them from using the equipment, provided that their employer conducts an assessment and is able to put into place adequate measures to take account of any difficulties they might have.

Visit [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org) to view the IPAF policy.



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