

Free expert help to create Work at Height

guidance

Those tasked with creating Work at Height training materials, safety campaigns and toolbox talks in their workplace can now draw on free expert help to get started, thanks to the release of Safety Steps - a series of easy reference guides outlining the essential messages that designers, clients, managers, supervisors and operatives need to maintain and improve safety at height.



The documents were created by

CONIAC (the Construction Industry Advisory Committee) with support and contributions from PASMA, along with the rest of the Access Industry Forum (AIF). They are available to download from the AIF website: accessindustryforum.org.uk/safety-steps

PASMA managing director Peter Bennett, who is also the current chairman of the AIF said: "Safety Steps clearly explains for all those involved with

working at height what they need to know about safe working at height in one easy to access, easy to use resource. We are pleased to host Safety Steps on the AIF website and we believe it could become a long term 'go to' resource for the industry."



Safety Steps guides are available to download.

Online validity check

There is now an easy way to check if a PASMA Photo Card is genuine - simply

go to the PASMA website and enter the details into the 'Check a Card' facility, which will instantly confirm if the card is authentic and what courses the user has completed. Find it here: pasma.co.uk/check-a-card



Save the date for the No Falls Foundation charity ball 2020

Following the success of the recent charity ball, No Falls Foundation is making it an annual affair, with the next event on Saturday 31st October at Coombe Abbey Hotel, Warwickshire.

Visit nofallsfoundation.org to register your interest in attending.



Videos from PASMA Conference

Videos of the presentations and panel sessions at the PASMA conference are now available to watch at pasma.co.uk/conference/ pasma-conference-2019

The panel discussions include: 'Caution: women at work' With discussions on why there are so few women in construction and what can be done about it, and 'You think working at height is difficult? Try managing it! Debating the challenges of managing work at height.

PASMA focus

Dubai recommends PASMA training

Technical Guideline issued by Dubai Municipality has confirmed All mobile access towers used in the Emirate must conform to EN1004 and all users must pass an internationally recognised training course such as PASMA. The document - Technical Guideline on Mobile Access Towers (GU74) - was produced with support from PASMA, with PASMA Towers for Managers, or an equivalent, recommended for all supervisors, and 3T (Through the Trap) and AGR (Advance Guard Rail) stipulated as safe working practices.

New Technical Committee chairman

Chris Boman, the design and development manager at Euro Towers is the new chairman of the PASMA Manufacturers' Technical Committee. He will contribute to projects such as a review of BS1139-6, the manufacturers' audit and 'Tying In' training. He takes over from Dougie McCombie.



The history of PASMA and mobile access towers

PASMA has launched an online resource where you can learn about the history of mobile access towers and view manuals, training materials, advertising, press articles and photos from the 1970s onwards.

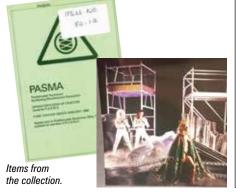
It includes unique items like the very first PASMA Operator's Code of Practice which was released 40 years ago this month, hand drawn training slides from the 1980s and futuristic images believed to be from a calendar released by a PASMA member in the late 1970s.

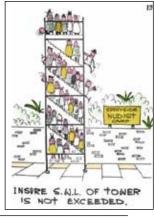
The collection is still in its infancy, but the aim is to create a comprehensive resource that preserves interesting materials for future generations and helps tell the story of the scaffold tower industry.

PASMA is keen for the collection to grow and has appealed for help from those in the industry who have held onto items that help tell the story of towers and would be willing to donate them or allow them to be copied.

Equally, it is keen to expand the collection to encompass oral recollections, interviews and videos featuring those who have enjoyed long careers in the sector. The association is inviting anyone who would be willing to record their stories, memories and recollections to make contact.

Email helen.paterson@pasma.co.uk if you can help. You can view the collection at pasma.co.uk/pasma-archive







For more information about the Access Industry Forum (AIF) and the No Falls Foundation charity for working at height, please visit www.accessindustryforum.org.uk and www.nofallsfoundation.org