



IPAF recommends the use of a full body safety harness with an adjustable lanyard, adjusted to be as short as possible, for anyone working in self-propelled or vehicle-mounted boom lifts.

**IoD offers business information service to IPAF members**

**IPAF has signed an agreement with the Institute of Directors (IoD) to allow IPAF members to benefit from the IoD's Business Information Service free of charge.**

From June first 2005, IPAF members will be able to get information by phone, fax, email or post on a range of legal and business issues ranging from employment and commercial law and corporate governance to general business information and company financial reports.

"IPAF members are the first non-members of the IoD ever to have access to this world class service and I am delighted that we are partnering with the IoD," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman.

To access this service, contact the IoD's Business Information Service on tel 020 7451 3100, [businessinfo@iod.com](mailto:businessinfo@iod.com) or via [www.iod.com/businessinfo](http://www.iod.com/businessinfo), quoting your IPAF membership number.

# New guidance on use of harnesses

**Anyone working in a boom type Mobile Elevating Work Platform should wear a full body safety harness with an adjustable lanyard, adjusted to be as short as possible.**

That's the direction from a technical guidance note put together by the Powered Access Interest Group (PAIG), a joint committee of IPAF and the Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA). The guidance was produced with input from the Health & Safety Executive, which has a representative on PAIG.

IPAF Technical Guidance Note: H1 - Safety harnesses in mobile elevating work platforms will be circulated widely throughout the powered access industry in order to help clarify industry confusion on this subject.

IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman explained: "Too many people are either not wearing safety harnesses at all when working in boom lifts or are wearing the wrong type of harness and lanyard. It was important that IPAF, through PIAG, set out best safety practice for the benefit of all work platform users."

**Technical Guidance Note H1 states:**

*It is strongly recommend that a full body harness with an adjustable lanyard (used to provide work restraint and adjusted to be as short as possible) is used when working from a boom type Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP).*

*It is not normally necessary for personnel working from a vertical lift [e.g. scissor lifts and vertical personnel platforms] to wear fall protection equipment, other than in exceptional circumstances.*

*The need for a fall protection system will be the outcome of a job specific risk assessment undertaken prior to work commencing.*

For information on preventing falls and the use of harness and lanyards in MEWPs, IPAF refers users to the Health & Safety Executive's information leaflet MISC614 Preventing falls from boom-type mobile elevating platforms (available from the HSE website at [www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/fallindx.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/fallindx.htm))

## Member survey gets underway

**IPAF is conducting a widespread member survey as part of its commitment to deliver practical benefits to members.**

Questionnaires have been posted to members across the UK, to solicit information on members' businesses and to get their views

on the services that IPAF offers. The results will be analysed by an independent market research company.

"IPAF is growing and evolving at high speed, but we are not losing sight of our commitment to bring practical benefits to all our

members. This research makes sure that we properly understand what our members want from their Federation," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman

To encourage members to complete and return the questionnaires, there will be a prize draw for three £75 cash vouchers.



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