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New tower standard: countdown begins!

If you or your employees use mobile access towers, you have a responsibility to provide equipment that is safe and reliable. A simple way to do that is to ensure that it is certified to design standard EN 1004-1.

EN 1004-1 specifies materials, dimensions, design loads, safety and performance requirements for mobile access towers and has been around since 2004, but a new version was published in November, entitled EN 1004-1:2020.

The old EN 1004:2004 standard will be withdrawn on 30th November 2021 and the next 10 months are effectively a transition period, during which manufacturers and suppliers will switch to providing towers that are certified to, the new EN 1004-1:2020 standard.

How the changes affect you depends on your role in the industry. PASMA has published a free, comprehensive guide to the revision, covering:



- The new definition of a mobile access tower
- The four main areas of change
- A timeline for the rollout
- How, and when, to start preparing
- Choosing safe towers for work and home

Visit www.pasma.co.uk/en1004 to read the guide.

Singapore introduces separate rules for towers

Singapore's code of practice for scaffolds, SS 659:2020 (formerly CP 14), has been released following a seven year review.

The standard now treats aluminium towers and steel scaffolding differently. It means tower users will no longer have to complete a mandatory five day training course, as long as the training they have meets the standard, which PASMA Towers for Users does. In another positive step for tower safety, equipment used in Singapore must now conform to EN 1004.



A new representative for freelance instructors



Freelance PASMA instructors have a new representative – Craig Gorton. He will be responsible for reaching out, listening and representing the views of freelance instructors to PASMA. He also sits on the Training Committee.

New chairman for PASMA Training Committee

Gillian Rutter of Skyward Training has been named as the new chair of the PASMA Training Committee.



The committee is made up of PASMA training members with ideas on how PASMA courses can be improved, while helping put them into action. The group will soon be revamping the Work at Height (Novice) course and updating other courses in preparation for EN 1004-1:2020.



Get involved with Tower Week 2021

PASMA will hold its annual Tower Week on 7th – 13th March.

New PASMA Marketing Panel



The Marketing Panel includes marketing professionals from PASMA members who volunteer to help PASMA execute useful, relevant and targeted campaigns that resonate with those who make decisions about tower safety.

A new panel includes:

- Jadie Booker - Kentec Training
- Simon Carter - Lyte Ladders & Towers
- Amy Chard - HSS
- Jack Fleck - Euro Towers
- James Gray - TB Davies
- John Hookway - National Training & Consulting Services
- Bushra Imtiaz - WernerCo
- Lowri Jones - Phoenix Hire & Sales
- Alex Latham - PB Training Services
- Ben Sly - Pop Up Products
- Malin Smith - AFL-Uplift
- Julie Steele - Ridgeway
- Michelle Warren - Warren Access

Learn more at www.pasma.co.uk/marketing-panel

HSE annual stats on non-fatal accidents

The UK Health & Safety Executive has published new statistics for non fatal workplace accidents:

- 5,214 non fatal falls from height were reported under RIDDOR in 2019/20
- That's 14 people every single day in the UK
- Eight percent of non fatal accidents reported under RIDDOR were falls from height
- In construction, this rises to 18 percent
- It is likely the true number of falls was much higher, as the HSE believe employers only report around half of reportable accidents

The Labour Force Survey also collects data on non fatal workplace injuries, using self-reports from employees, and as such records a wider range of accidents than RIDDOR. This year it recorded an estimated 36,000 falls from height - a horrifying 99 per day.

An estimated 572,000 working days were lost in the UK last year because of falls from height.

As well as these non fatal accidents, we already know that falls from height remain the biggest workplace killer, with 29 people sadly dying in 2019/20. That's one person every 13 days – most, if not all of them, men.

Read more: www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/causinj/index.htm

Support the APPG on Working at Height

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Working at Height brings together UK MPs and Peers with trade associations, companies and contractors to raise awareness of the risks of working at height and propose effective, sensible measures to ensure people return home safely from work.

Its 2019 report made four recommendations and highlighted two areas for further consultation. You can support the APPG by joining its meetings and inviting your local MP to do the same.

Learn more at: www.workingatheight.info



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