

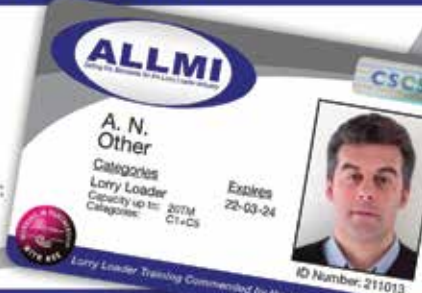

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New Guidance - Safe Lifting of Hot Tubs

The Associations of ALLMI, BISHTA (British and Irish Spa and Hot Tub Association), the CPA and SPATA (Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association) have developed guidance covering the safe lifting of hot tubs, exercise spas and one piece swimming pools.

Produced in response to a number of incidents, including a high profile residential accident last year where a hot tub was dropped from height, the guidance is expected to raise awareness and standards throughout this specialist sector of the lifting industry.

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "The guidance is aimed at hot tub manufacturers and suppliers who are unlikely to have the knowledge or experience to plan and carry out a lifting operation. They will be made aware of the factors to be considered and the responsibilities of those involved, while domestic customers can also benefit by understanding what to expect from a delivery. The guidance also targets operators of lorry loaders and mobile cranes, who will appreciate the principles and requirements of safe lift planning and implementation, but in some cases may be less familiar with specific factors relating to hot tubs. For example, pipework for new hot tubs can contain residual water from pressure testing during manufacture, adding to the specified weight of the load."

The guidance provides valuable information on the following topics:

1. Costs of a lifting operation.
2. Planning the lift.
3. Types of hire contract.
4. Slings and handling of hot tubs.
5. Inspection prior to lifting from the delivery vehicle.
6. Supervision of the lift.
7. Case studies.
8. References to further guidance.

Wakefield adds: "We would encourage all those involved with this type of work to download a complimentary copy of the guidance from our website, as well as to view the recording of the launch online seminar, and to contact us with any questions or comments."

www.allmi.com/safe-lifting-of-hot-tubs



Tipper Grab Guidance - coming soon

Following a recent fatality involving overhead powerlines, as well as subsequent discussions with its Technical Standards Committee and the HSE, ALLMI is in the process of developing guidance covering tipper grab operations. ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester said: "There is a need for further clarity and guidance in this area. Comprehensive instructions exist for the tipper, loader crane and grab as individual elements of the build, but users would benefit from direction on the installation as a whole, which is likely to cover issues such as the sequence of operations, crane positioning when tipping, and stability issues, etc. A specialist working group will be formed with

representatives from bodybuilders, crane manufacturers and installers, and we look forward to producing a document that will add another layer of safety to tipper grab operations."



Look Out, Look Up - Reminder

ALLMI is partnering with the Energy Networks Association (ENA) to promote the organisation's 'Look Out, Look Up!' campaign, which concerns the dangers of working near overhead power lines.



The ENA Cab Warning Sticker

The ENA has made a range of campaign tools available, including the following:

- A cab warning sticker, which contains important information in the event of contact with an overhead power line.
- A 'Top Tips' safety leaflet.
- A hard hitting video, bringing home the consequences and impact of accidents of this nature.

For access to the above tools, as well as the wider campaign material, please visit: www.allmi.com/overheadpowerlines

CAP 1096 Postponement

Further to industry consultation, as well as trials of the proposed new requirements, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has postponed implementation of the updated 'CAP 1096 Guidance to Crane Users on Aviation Lighting and Notification', which was scheduled for 31st May this year.

Once the current trial closes, the CAA will undertake a period of review, the 'Lessons Learned' phase. During this time, the organisation will evaluate the trial's findings and look for ways to improve processes, whilst continuing to consult with and help the lifting industry prepare for implementation.

A second trial phase will then be held from 1st October to 31st March 2022, which will facilitate testing of new guidance and systems. The first quarter of next year will see timescales for implementation being considered, although the CAA has confirmed that the new CAP 1096 will not be launched before April.

ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester said: "Whilst this postponement is welcome, crane operators should remember that the current 6km/10m rule remains in place and should be adhered to. The CAA is in the process of updating its website to reflect this, but details of the requirement can also be found in the BS7121 series or by contacting ALLMI."



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