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DON'T FALL FOR IT! SAFETY CAMPAIGN TARGETS FALLS FROM THE PLATFORM

A campaign emphasising the importance of working safely to avoid falls from aerial work platforms has been launched by IPAF. The Don't Fall For It! safety campaign outlines the possible underlying causes of falls from the platform which almost always lead to serious injury or death. It offers operators and managers key advice to mitigate the most common risks and avoid accidents of this type, as identified in IPAF's incident reporting and analysis portal.

Key points of guidance in the IPAF Don't Fall For It! campaign include:

- Plan thoroughly - conduct a proper site survey/assessment, select the correct machine for the work and use professionally trained operators and supervisors.
- Know your machine - operators should be trained on the machine type they are using and familiarised on the specific model. Operators should assess the machine as suitable for the task and conditions. Machine knowledge includes whether personal fall protection equipment should be used and, if so, what type to use and how to attach it.
- Clip on - If personal fall protection is required, all occupants of the platform must attach their lanyard to the correct anchor point. Ensure movement within the platform is possible while attached, and do not move the machine or elevate the platform until and unless all occupants are attached.
- Set up and manoeuvre the machine/platform effectively - occupants should never need to over reach, unfasten their harness step or climb on guardrails or otherwise extend the



safe working envelope of the platform. Ensure vertical lifts are positioned and repositioned as necessary to allow easy access to the area of work to be undertaken.

- Stay inside the platform/attached - platform guardrails form the primary fall prevention and define the operational envelope of the machine being used. Always stay inside the platform. Do not exit the platform at height, unclip only on completion of work and when safely lowered to the ground.

For more information visit www.ipaf.org/safe



CALENDAR FILLING UP

As the global recovery from the pandemic continues, a return to 'in person' events is starting to fill the IPAF calendar. It kicks off with Vertical Days 2022 on 11th and 12th May. Come and visit the IPAF tent at the East of England Showground, Peterborough on Stand 619.

On September 14th IPAF will be at the Safety in Construction Show, Holywell Park Conference Centre, Loughborough, on Stand B14. September 15th is IPAF's Europlatform 2022 in Rome, Italy, and in October, we'll be at bauma in Munich, Germany.

Next year the IPAF Summit & awards dinner moves to Berlin, Germany on the 19th and 20th April. See: www.ipaf.org/events

IPAF GUIDANCE ON USING PLATFORMS IN PUBLIC AREAS

IPAF has published comprehensive guidance outlining the key principles and ways to reduce likely risks when using aerial lifts in public areas and near roads. **Safe Use of MEWPs in Public Areas** is available to view or download free of charge.

IPAF's Brian Parker said: "An increasing number of work platforms are being used in public areas that cannot be easily segregated from traffic or the general public creating a more challenging environment. Thanks to the input of Mark Keily of Sunbelt Rentals and the International Safety Committee, the guidance is the result of a global collaborative effort."



RIWAL BECOMES IPAF SUSTAINING MEMBER

Rival has become the latest Sustaining Member of IPAF, the first rental and training company on a list that includes Alimak, Aon, Apex and Haulotte. Based in the Netherlands, Rival was founded in 1968 and has grown into a major access and telehandler rental and training company across 16 countries.

NEW IPAF PRESIDENT

Karin Nars of Dinolift became the federation's first female president during IPAF's 2022 AGM. She replaces Norty Turner, who steps down having completed his term. Karel Huijser of JLG becomes deputy president and Kai Schliephake of Partnerlift, vice president.



New IPAF president team, Karel Huijser, Peter Douglas of IPAF, Karin Nars and Kai Schliephake

In her inaugural address Nars said: "I take pride in being the first woman president of IPAF. My father Lasse Godenhielm was president of IPAF at the turn of the millennium, and he always encouraged me to pursue my dreams. I never doubted I could achieve my dreams because I

was a woman. That's why I would like every girl and woman who wants to work in our industry to be offered that chance. I believe IPAF is in a good position to promote equal opportunities - I aim to use my voice as president to promote such a programme."