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PASMA LAUNCHES TOWERSURE

PASMA has unveiled TowerSure, its powerful tool for any organisation using tower scaffolds to work at height. It depends on two pieces of technology, a mobile app that tower erectors install on their phones. And a central management console for managers to log into from their computers.

Using the TowerSure technology means:

- Installers always inspect towers thoroughly, using PASMA approved checklists
- Their competence is checked against PASMA's training records each time they build a tower
- Photographs are taken of every tower assembled, every time it's inspected
- Inspection records are generated automatically and stored centrally in an electronic database
- Each tower is labelled with a QR code that anyone can use to check its inspection status
- Managers can spot check towers on any site and make sure it's safe, without leaving the office



FREE TRIAL

Until September 2022, TowerSure is completely free of charge for everyone. After that, it will still be free for small businesses or solo users, while PASMA has committed to keeping it affordable for all. The association's remit is to ensure the industry has access to quality training, safe equipment and expert guidance. TowerSure will play an important role in helping the association achieve its mission: 'A world where every tower user goes home safe at the end of every shift, every time'.

PASMA invites Cranes & Access readers to trial TowerSure and share their feedback ahead of the full launch in September. Visit the TowerSure webpage for the information and links needed to get started: www.pasma.co.uk/towersure

You can learn more about TowerSure via an online seminar:

www.pasma.co.uk/scaffold-towers/on-demand-webinars

INSPECTING TOWERS

Towers must be inspected after assembly and before first use. But just because a tower was stable and structurally sound before it was first used, doesn't mean it will stay that way. For that reason, you need to re-inspect the tower as often as is necessary to ensure safety. So, what does that mean in practice? Here are some rules to remember.

Inspect your tower:

- After assembly
- After alteration
- After any event that could affect safety
- At least every seven days

Remember, it's up to you to decide how often to inspect a tower, it will depend on the frequency and conditions of use. This is down to the individual risk assessment. For example, if you're using a tower outdoors in winter or in a high-risk environment, you might decide to inspect it more frequently.

It's important that the person who does the inspection knows what a good tower looks like. In other words, they need to be competent to complete an inspection with the training, skills, knowledge and experience needed for the job. Tower inspections are actually quite simple to do, with the right training. They're modular, lightweight structures that come with instruction manuals.

A visual inspection from the ground is all that's needed to determine if a tower is safe to use or not. There's no need to physically inspect the fittings after the tower is assembled, although you should inspect the individual components prior to assembly.

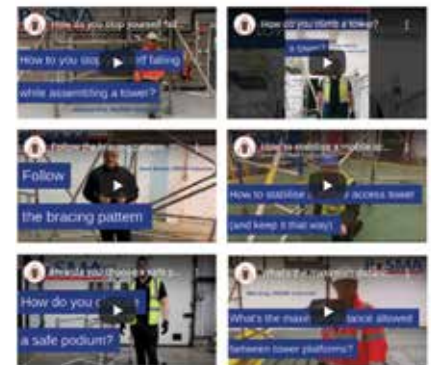
TRAINING

You can learn to build and inspect standard single bay mobile access towers on a PASMA Towers for Users course.

To build and inspect other configurations of towers, such as cantilever or linked towers, or low level access products, there are separate, dedicated PASMA courses for these.

Managers and supervisors can learn to inspect any standard configuration tower on a PASMA Towers for Managers course, aimed at anyone who is responsible for the safety of tower users but isn't assembling towers themselves. It doesn't matter if a tower is inspected by the same person who assembled it or by someone else. The key thing is that they've been trained on how to complete an inspection.

For more information on PASMA's training courses visit www.pasma.co.uk/training



BITESIZE SAFETY VIDEOS

Tower users and managers can benefit from bitesize safety messages, thanks to a new series of short videos from PASMA. The videos feature PASMA training instructors and manufacturers talking about different safety topics:

- How do you stop yourself falling while assembling a tower?
- How do you climb a tower?
- How do you choose a safe podium?
- Follow the bracing pattern
- How to stabilise a mobile access tower - and keep it that way.

- What's the maximum distance allowed between tower platforms?

In what has become an annual tradition, the short videos were filmed in training centres across the UK and released on social media during Tower Week.

You can watch all 23 videos, including six new ones at, www.youtube.com/PASMA Ltd



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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