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IPAF GLOBAL SAFETY REPORT ANALYSES 10 YEARS OF DATA

Falls from the platform, electrocution and platform overturns are the most common type of incidents leading to serious injuries and deaths over the past 10 years, according to the latest IPAF report.

Launched on 30th June, the IPAF Global Safety Report 2022 analyses the latest data collected via the IPAF accident reporting portal - www.ipafaccidentreporting.org - between 2012 and 2021, comparing year on year and three year trends to identify how well the industry is tackling the key causes of accidents involving powered access. This year's report covers a full 10 years worth of data, during which time there were 4,374 reports from 41 countries with 585 fatalities.

In terms of incidents leading to one or more fatalities the three most common causes are: Falls from the platform, Electrocution and Overturns. These are followed by Entrapment, Platform inoperable, Hit by vehicle or machine and in seventh place Hit by falling object.

Looking at 2021, there were 603 reports from 28 countries, involving 628 people resulting in 109 fatalities - a slight reduction on 2020 when there were 126. The UK submitted almost 61 percent of all reports, with 19 percent coming from the USA and five percent from South Korea.

The rental industry submitted 43 percent of reports followed by construction at 29 percent, and facilities management at 9.8 percent.

Brian Parker, IPAF head of safety & technical said: "It is quite a landmark that IPAF's accident reporting has been going for 10 years, we currently receive around 600 reports a year from more than 40 countries. As the first report covering a 10 year period, it identified some significant trends. In addition to a focus on the number one cause of serious injuries and deaths - Falls from the platform - it also highlights other trends including rental activities - delivery, collection, loading and unloading platforms, manoeuvres in depot, demonstrations on site as well as machine cleaning and maintenance."

Looking at 2021 data by machine category, boom lifts were the most common type of equipment involved in incidents accounting for 29 percent of reports, followed by self-propelled scissor/mast lifts at 23.7 percent, then trailer and truck mounted booms at 21.5 percent.

IPAF chief executive Peter Douglas said: "We use this detailed database to inform all the work we do at IPAF - including updating our training and forming the basis of our safety campaigns, such

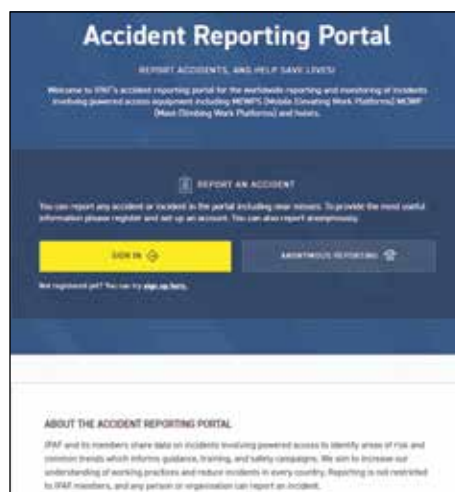


as the current Don't Fall For It! initiative aimed at reducing falls from the platform. What this report shows is that we need to challenge ourselves as an industry. We hope that powered access users around the world read the report and understand the key trends to improve their own safety programmes. By working collaboratively, the industry can find solutions to the most pressing safety issues identified in the report."

"We need to see more reporting from all sectors and as many countries as possible and hope that the ePAL app will empower operators to report all accidents, including minor and near-miss incidents, which are under reported."

Mark Keily chairman of IPAF's International Safety Committee which helps verify the incident reports added: "While rising numbers can be a result of better reporting, it is still a concern to note that the main causes of serious injury and death haven't really changed much in the past 10 years. The report is never going to have all the answers that our industry requires, but it does clearly set out key areas of concern that should allow those in the industry to review their working practices and ensure they have adequate control measures in place."

A free copy of the report can be downloaded at www.ipaf.org/accident.



EUROPLATFORM 2022

Booking has opened for IPAF's Europlatform conference to be held on the 15th September in Rome, Italy.

Speakers confirmed include:

- Karin Nars, IPAF president
- Douglas McLuckie of Sunbelt Rentals.
- Paolo Pianigiani of Imer
- Pier Angelo Cantù of Rental Consulting.
- Søren Brogaard Jensen of Trackunit.
- Peter Douglas of IPAF
- Philippe Witte of Rival.

A networking event will take place the evening before at the Casa dei Cavalieri di Rodi.

For more details and to book your ticket see www.europlatform.info

EAGLE PLATFORMS BECOMES SUSTAINING MEMBER

UK-based rental company Eagle Platforms has become IPAF's latest Sustaining Member, joining Alimak, AON, APEX, Haulotte and Rival. Based in Anston, Sheffield, South Yorkshire it is accredited to the IPAF Rental+ standards and hosts an IPAF training centre. Managing director Dan Stewart said: "As a business we are whole hearted supporters of the work that IPAF does for our industry - not just in the UK but around the world - and are proud to sign up as a Sustaining Member of the federation."

