

ACCESS WITH ZOOMLION GREEN



Scissor Lifts
4.5m - 16m



Articulating Boom Lifts
9.55m - 31.85m



Telescopic Boom Lifts
20.75m - 65.5m



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NEW CATAPULT EFFECT SAFETY AWARENESS LEAFLET

IPAF has published a new leaflet 'MEWP Catapult Effect' highlighting how such incidents can eject occupants from the platform of a boom lift, usually leading to serious injury or death, unless they are wearing a harness and short lanyard.

IPAF head of safety & technical Brian Parker said: "The previous IPAF Catapult leaflet was very popular with members and training centres, pointing out a specific effect that new and inexperienced operators may be unaware of. We have condensed the key information describing the effect, the underlying causes and how to mitigate them. We are confident that the new leaflet will be very helpful in raising awareness around this potentially dangerous situation and happy to offer it free of charge as part of our ongoing Don't Fall For It! safety campaign. Most users of platforms will have encountered at least one catapult situation and will be aware of the risks and the potential energy that's generated. Without a harness and fall-restraint lanyard clipped to the anchor point, it is virtually impossible to counter the catapult effect, even when manoeuvring in a lowered or stowed position."

The advice has three main sections:

Planning the job - including thorough site risk assessment and rescue planning, selecting the correct machine for the job, pre-start checks

and ensuring operators are trained, familiarised and wearing the correct safety gear.

Work environment - touches on the need to plan and walk the route, looking out for obstructions and hidden hazards, as well as making sure the ground is firm and sufficient to take the weight of the machine and its load.

Operating the platform - advises maintaining continual observation around the lift at all times, using a banksman or spotter to identify hazards when driving. Occupants should never unclip the lanyard from the anchor point until exiting at ground level.

View the leaflet at www.ipaf.org/resources



Peter Douglas

'ADOPT ANSI STANDARDS NOW, BEFORE OSHA MAKES THEM LAW'

IPAF has urged companies in the USA to adopt the new ANSI suite of standards related to the design, safe use and training for aerial work platforms, ahead of them being adopted in law by OSHA.

Speaking at a recent conference in Chicago, IPAF chief executive Peter Douglas, said: "Do we have to wait until OSHA adopts these standards before we meet their requirements? Are you living by these standards in your business? I am guessing the answer is probably not yes and yes. If the industry has not fully adopted the standard, how can it promote best practice among contractors and end users? Let's not wait until we are made to do this by OSHA."

The standards include the need for all those who operate platforms and those responsible for familiarising others as demonstrators to be trained along with supervisors.

The ANSI/SAIA A92.22 4.2 Safe Use of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms was published in June 2020. For more information visit www.ipaf.org/ANSI

QUARTER OF A MILLION EPAL DOWNLOADS

IPAF's ePAL mobile app for operators has surpassed a quarter of a million first time downloads. Launched in June 2021, with the global roll-out earlier this year, the app allows digital verification of training, including a digital PAL Card, logbook and safety guides, while allowing operators to receive safety information, technical tips and enables easy on-the-spot reporting of incidents and near misses. It is free to use and available in seven languages.

To find out more about IPAF's ePAL mobile app, see www.ipaf.org/ePAL



EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CATEGORY FOR IAPAS

A new equality, diversity and inclusion category has been added to the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs). The award is open to any company or individual who can demonstrate their commitment to improving equality, diversity and inclusion in the powered access industry. Judges will be looking for entries that demonstrate how entrants have recognised the importance of diversity in the workplace and taken actions towards fostering a more inclusive environment where all employees feel valued and can thrive.

IPAF president Karin Nars said: "We are pleased to announce this new award for the upcoming IAPAs, and we look forward to receiving lots of submissions. As part of the judging panel for this year's awards, it will be interesting to be involved in sifting and assessing the various entries.

"In case anyone is wondering what would qualify as worthy of nomination for an individual, that person could be a role model who has inspired or supported others, or someone who has overcome personal barriers to excel in their career. Likewise, a company or individual may have been involved in introducing concrete changes or visible actions to ensure colleagues feel valued, respected and listened to."

The IAPAs are open for entries until 15th December. Visit www.iapa-summit.info for details.



Karin Nars