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## THIS ISSUE WILL INCLUDE FEATURES ON:

### BOOM LIFTS

When it comes to boom lifts, there are always plenty of new developments. We will be looking at the latest trends and products so if you have any news or information to share, get in touch now.



### ALTERNATIVE LIFTING

We review a selection of alternative equipment available for lifting heavy loads, including jacking and skidding, custom crane solutions and the latest techniques in rigging along with some interesting applications.



### BATTERY DEVELOPMENTS

Our annual review of battery developments will investigate the latest lithium and other battery technologies in this fast moving market. We will also look at how some battery companies have established in-house assembly facilities to help with supply chain challenges. If you have any news, views or good photography please make contact.

**VERTIKAL DAYS FIRST PREVIEW** Vertikal Days - the specialist two day event for cranes, aerial lifts and telehandlers - provides an ideal chance to meet up with all the major suppliers and see their latest products. The event will be returning to The East of England Showground, Peterborough on 10th & 11th May. We take an early look at what to expect.



**CONEXPO 2023 PREVIEW** The big North American show in Las Vegas is back and with much to see advance planning is essential for saving you time and energy. We will be highlighting some of the key developments and product launches.



Every issue of **C&A** is also packed with our **regular columns** and **news** plus **reader's letters**, **books**, **models** and **training**, along with the latest news from **CPA**, **ALLMI**, **IPAF** and **PASMA**.

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# PASMA SUPPORTS CAMPAIGN TO SAVE WORK AT HEIGHT REGULATIONS

PASMA has thrown its weight behind a campaign to save the Work at Height Regulations, which are now at risk of repeal. The campaign to save them is led by the Access Industry Forum (AIF) which unites the 10 principal trade associations involved in work at height.

The Work at Height Regulations are covered by the Retained EU Law Bill. As things stand, they - along with over 2,400 other laws - are set to be scrapped on 31 December 2023 unless ministers can be convinced to save them.

Falling from height is still the most common cause of workplace fatalities, with 683 deaths since 2005. The number of falls from height has declined while the Work at Height Regulations have been in place. The year before they were introduced, there were 67 fatal falls, in 2021/22, that was down to 29.

The AIF has submitted evidence to the House of Commons Public Bill Committee and written to Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, urging them to save the Regulations.

AIF chairman Peter Bennett said: "Employers don't want falls from height in their workplaces and want to avoid the investigations, negative publicity, delays, increased insurance premiums and upheaval of responding to an accident. The Work at Height Regulation is a compact piece of legislation that creates a useful framework for employers to manage the risks and avoid falls from height. The rules are straightforward and practical, they are embedded in existing policies, procedures and training, and although they're not perfect, the most important thing is that they work. I am in no doubt that the Work at Height Regulations have saved lives and if this legislation cannot be rescued from the scrapheap, it is workers who will pay the highest price of all."

Support the campaign: [www.accessindustryforum.org.uk](http://www.accessindustryforum.org.uk)



Peter Bennett  
OBE, PASMA

# PASMA CONFERENCE ON-DEMAND

PASMA has released video recordings of presentations delivered at its conference last September. [www.pasma.co.uk/conference/pasma-conference-2022/highlights](http://www.pasma.co.uk/conference/pasma-conference-2022/highlights)

Helen Barnes of Network Rail  
at the PASMA Conference



# USING TOWERS IN BAD WEATHER

In the midst of wintery weather here are some top tips:

- Don't work on towers during snowy, frosty weather or heavy rain - you could slip and fall.
- If the average wind speed reaches 17mph, stop work and dismantle the tower.
- Be cautious - wind speed can increase significantly in locations such as between high buildings or the top of a hill.
- During risk assessments, check the weather forecast to make sure conditions are expected to be suitable for the work you'll be doing.
- Check the instruction manual for guidance, you must follow the manual when you build the tower and have it on site - it's a legal requirement.
- When working near overhead electrical cables, rain is an added complication. Always consult the appropriate national guidance on working safely near electricity and your local power company for advice on safe distances. Be aware of the flash factor (arcing), especially in wet conditions.
- After wind, rain, snow or frost, re-inspect your tower and the ground conditions. Ensure the stability and structural integrity of the tower haven't been affected.

# PASMA CARD ON YOUR PHONE

PASMA card holders can get their training card on their phone by downloading the TowerSure mobile app. Digital cards are available to anyone with a current PASMA qualification, simply:

- Download the TowerSure app to your phone
- Enter your name as it appears on your card
- Enter your PASMA certificate number from the card
- Hit the 'profile' icon in the top right corner to see your digital card

You'll also see your PASMA qualifications and the date they were obtained, so you can quickly demonstrate the tower configurations you're competent to work with.

Easy access to 70+ scaffold tower instruction manuals

PASMA's digital library of scaffold tower instruction manuals, includes a comprehensive range of assembly guides from PASMA Manufacturing Members. The library of over 70 manuals is divided by tower type and manufacturer. It includes instructions for:

- Mobile access towers
- Cantilever towers
- Towers with bridges
- Towers on stairways
- Linked towers
- Low level work platforms

Anyone assembling a mobile access tower or low level work platform should follow the instruction manual. No manual - No tower!

Visit: [asma.co.uk/manuals](http://asma.co.uk/manuals)



# PASMA LAUNCHES AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP SCHEME

PASMA has launched an affiliate membership scheme for non-commercial organisations across the world that share its tower safety goals. The affiliation allows the parties to collaborate and share good practice, helping reduce accidents and fatalities. The Master Builders Association North of South Africa and VSB in the Netherlands have become the first affiliate members.



(L-R) Willem Piekaar and Sarah Nunn of PASMA with Gerard Westenbroek of VSB