

# 10,000 Generators For Ukrainian Families

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## Power to Ukraine

Following several successful campaigns the Plant & Hire Aid Alliance has launched its latest appeal, which aims to send 10,000 desperately needed generators to Ukraine.

## Why are generators needed?

Following repeated attacks on the power grid and other critical infrastructure, President Zelensky said that generators had become "as important as armour in helping Ukraine to survive this winter".

## Ukraine needs you!

By donating to the Plant & Hire Aid Alliance appeal you or your company can make a real difference, providing life-saving winter heating to a desperate Ukrainian family.

"For just £270, you can send a generator to keep these families warm," said Jeremy Fish, the CEO of Ardent Hire and one of the founders of the Alliance. "We're appealing to colleagues around the world, to join us to help reach this ambitious target of 10,000 generators."



## Targeted help

The Alliance has created a website where aid workers will register each recipient. This includes details of their family or group, along with a declaration that the generator will only be used for personal and humanitarian purposes.

69 Rotary Clubs across Ukraine will monitor the generators' use, confirming that they have been installed where need is the greatest and are being used as intended. "This not only maximises the impact of the campaign," explains Fish. "It also gives our generous donors the reassurance that their contribution is making a real difference."



## Make a difference today

100% of your donation will go directly towards generator orders for immediate dispatch. Your donation, however large or small, will genuinely save lives.

Please help the people of Ukraine at this time of need.

Please donate or contact us through:

[www.aid-alliance.com](http://www.aid-alliance.com)

Or visit:

[justgiving.com/fundraising/ukraine-gensets](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/ukraine-gensets)



# UPDATED MEWP SAFETY GUIDANCE

A newly updated safety publication now freely available provides guidance on how to reduce the risks of trapping and crushing hazards when using aerial work platforms. Published by the Construction Industry Plant Safety Group (CIPSG), the 22 page publication is entitled 'Good Practice Guidance for Reducing Trapping/Crushing Injuries to People in MEWPs'. The CIPSG group is chaired by the CPA and administered and supported by IPAF.

Powered access is widely acknowledged to be one of the safest and most efficient means of enabling temporary working at height. Between 2016 and 2020, incidents entered into the IPAF Reporting Portal from 15 countries identified that 73 people died in entrapment incidents globally. Entrapment injuries in a platform are usually serious and often fatal. The Guidance is aimed at raising awareness of the risk among operators, supervisors and rescuers. It also sets out to inform people about the measures that can be used to reduce the risks and number of entrapment incidents by providing guidance on planning, risk assessment, as well as platform selection, operator training, familiarisation and rescue. Emphasis is placed on the practical measures users can take to avoid entrapment.

The first version of the guidance was published in 2010 and has now undergone significant revision and been restructured with new illustrations to improve readability and understanding of the topic. The content reflects and builds upon findings from the recently published Health & Safety Executive Research Report (HSE RR1180:2022) which examined the effectiveness of secondary guarding when employed in a range of different entrapment scenarios.

Kevin Minton of the CPA who chairs the group said: "The guidance will be a vital reference tool for rental companies, customers, operators and manufacturers. Presented in easily

digestible sections, it is aimed at those using and supervising the use of these machines, and those responsible for rescuing trapped people, as well as anyone involved in planning, managing, risk assessing the work, organising training or specifying the equipment. We anticipate it will prove to be a useful training tool as it has been designed for use in briefings or toolbox talks for supervisors and operators."

IPAF's Brian Parker added: "This updated guidance has taken a while to develop, but it was much needed as data gathered via IPAF's Reporting Portal ([www.ipafaccidentreporting.org](http://www.ipafaccidentreporting.org)) shows that entrapment is consistently one of the top five causes of serious injuries and deaths when using aerial work platforms. Much work and cross industry consultation has gone into this document to ensure it is thorough, comprehensive, clear and concise. The powered access industry has advanced significantly over the past five to 10 years, with technological improvements driving secondary guarding devices, and machine capabilities and complexities. We are very pleased to see it published for users to read and download completely free of charge."

The Construction Industry Plant Safety Group for MEWPs includes members from the CPA, IPAF, HSE and FASET, as well as owners, manufacturers and major construction companies. It meets regularly to share information on platform safety and has set up working groups to produce guidance and address specific issues.

The publication is available to download freely from [www.cpa.uk.net/safety-and-technical-publications/plant-safety-group](http://www.cpa.uk.net/safety-and-technical-publications/plant-safety-group) or [www.ipaf.org/resources](http://www.ipaf.org/resources)



## CPA CONFERENCE 2023

This year's CPA Conference will be held on Thursday 9th November with the theme 'Facing the Challenges in the Plant-hire Sector'. It will be held at the Heart of England Conference and Events Centre in Fillongley near Coventry.

Tickets can be booked online at [www.cpa.uk.net/events/cpa-conference-2023](http://www.cpa.uk.net/events/cpa-conference-2023) at an early bird booking rate of £60 including VAT or £90 from April. The discount code is TS2023.

Chief executive Kevin Minton said: "We felt that this year's conference should address the core issues that are of importance right now to CPA members and the construction industry, such as rising fuel and energy costs, supply chain shortages and the difficulties of attracting recruits to the industry. We are devising a packed agenda with panel debates and case studies to allow delegates to come away with a deeper understanding as to how they can tackle some of the challenges they face."

The CPA Conference has established itself as an important event for senior figures in the sector, with speakers from organisations such as Costain, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), the European Rental Association (CRA), GAP Group, HS2, Highways England, JCB and Sunbelt Rentals. This year's panel debates will be steered by event convenor Merryn Myatt, a former BBC news presenter and journalist.

