

DON'T DELAY

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR STAND?

10th and 11th
September 2025,
Newark
Showground,
Nottinghamshire



Vertikal Days 2025 will return to Newark Showground, Nottinghamshire on 10th & 11th September.

Over 2500 lifting equipment professionals visit Vertikal Days each year to see the very latest cranes, access platforms and telehandlers, innovations and associated products.

If you want to get in front of key buyers, end users and purchasing influencers, Vertikal Days is the place to be in 2025.



Book before the end of November to take advantage of the Early Bird pricing.
Exhibitor registration is open <https://vertikaldays.net> Email the team: contact@vertikaldays.net

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SCOTTISH CRANE OPERATOR APPRENTICESHIP

The Scottish Plant Owners Association (SPOA) is urging crane employers to enrol apprentices in its second intake for the Scottish Crane Operator Apprenticeship.



The first intake of apprentices has almost completed the first year of the two year programme, shaped by the CITB and SPOA and delivered at the National Construction College in Norfolk, England.

The course features:

- A two week induction period covering health and safety as well as personal and vocational development.
- Four weeks of mobile crane training (CPCS).
- Two weeks slinger signaller training (CPCS).
- One week of plant and vehicle marshaller training.
- One week of aerial work platform training (IPAF).
- Two weeks of telehandler training (CPCS).

The deadline is November 29th.

For more details go to: www.spoa.org.uk/safety-training/apprenticeships

BOOM LOADING COSTS £80K

Belfast based Balloo Hire Centre - part of the Briggs Equipment group - has been fined £80,000 after a large boom lift came off the side of the delivery truck while loading, inflicting life changing injuries on the operator. The fine was for 'failing to ensure the safety of its employees, and members of the public' to which the company pleaded guilty. The incident occurred on October 4th, 2022, in Belfast's Titanic Quarter, with the lift - a Genie ZX-135/70 - slipping off the side of the truck and crashing into the ground.



The investigation found that 'the company failed to adequately identify the risks associated with loading machines or provide a banksman to assist the operator. It also failed to ensure adequate measures were in place to segregate live traffic and pedestrians from the loading operation which occurred on a public road thereby placing members of the public at risk'.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR BUILDER

David Beadle, owner of UK company Beadle the Builders, received a 26 week suspended sentence, 150 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay costs of £6,043 for endangering employees' lives and ignoring an HSE prohibition notice on unsafe work at height on three occasions

Beadle, 63, allowed employees to work on scaffolds that were not properly constructed and lacked protection for those working below.



The unsafe scaffold

ATLAS PLANS AHEAD

German loader crane and excavator manufacturer Atlas has taken on eight new trainees at three of the company's locations in Germany - Ganderkesee, Delmenhorst and Vechta. They are being trained in industrial management, industrial mechanics and marketing.



SITE FATALITY COSTS BALFOUR BEATTY £306K

Igor Malka and Edmund Vispulskis had been working from a scissor lift installing cladding on a new engineering hall at the University of Birmingham in January 2020, when it was pushed over by an overhead travelling crane causing them to fall 10 metres to the ground.

Malka, 62, died while Vispulskis, sustained injuries to his spine and broken ribs, spending seven weeks in a neck brace and requiring pins to be inserted in his pelvis and thigh.

The crane was being used by another contractor to move hydraulic equipment into the building from a delivery truck. The HSE investigation found the incident could have been prevented had principal contractor Balfour Beatty implemented better controls and put in place better communication between contractors. There was also no lift supervisor present at the time of the incident

Balfour Beatty, was fined £285,000 plus costs of £21,768.88 in costs. HSE inspector Gareth Langston said: "This was a tragic incident that led to the death of a worker with another

being seriously injured and still experiencing difficulties today as a result. Lifting operations must be properly controlled - they must be planned, with plans adhered to."



WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

Spotted 'somewhere in Texas' a man is looking to reach an outside lamp using anything available, with little attention paid to what might happen if one of the elements of his pyramid fails.

