

The clearest message on safety is so important

That is why Paul Adorian took such a strong, persistent and finally successful stand to prevent the lifting of visitors to SED to a height of 90 metres in a man-basket suspended from a 200-tonne crane.

IPAF feels that SED's very success and influence on the construction industry made this stand on a serious misuse of goods lifting equipment such an important issue.

In taking action to prevent the activity, Milton Keynes Council's Environmental Health Officer ruled, shortly before the start of the show, that the lifting was subject to LOLER (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations) and did not represent an 'exceptional circumstance' under which a crane could be used to lift people.

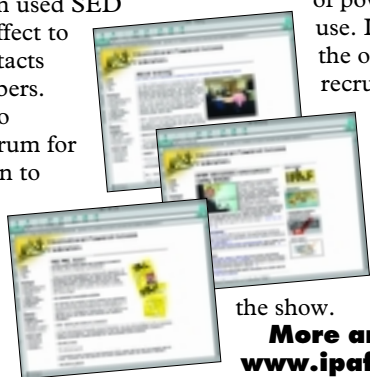
IPAF feels that 'exceptional' needs clarification, which EHOs and Health and Safety Inspectors may welcome. Apart from advising, in general, that goods lifting equipment should not be used to lift people, IPAF has drawn up a draft code of practice, which it will be presenting to the HSE with a proposal that urgent consideration be given to eliminating this currently indecisive generalisation.

IPAF sets out membership benefits at SED

IPAF says it once again used SED to great effect to reinforce contacts with its members. The show also provided a forum for the association to give advice on operator training and general information to construction

industry users on all aspects of powered access use. IPAF seized the opportunity to recruit new members to its ranks through its latest membership campaign launched at the show.

More answers at www.ipaf.org



IPAF's revised and expanded website was announced at the recent AGM.

This offers:

- The very latest news, up-to-date facts, up-to-the-minute views and opinions
- Direct links to a variety of useful associations, training centres, government bodies and exhibitions
- Legal advice on mewps, insurance, accident procedures, legislation and much more

- Health and safety information including discussion documents and other sources of help to prevent problems before they happen
- Answers to a wide range of frequently asked questions
- The opportunity for other organisations to add links to their own websites.

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