



## NEW HQ FOR PASMA

With effect from mid-August, PASMA has a new permanent home. The address is:

7 Newton Place, Glasgow G3 7PR

However, the correspondence address remains unchanged, as do the association's contact numbers:

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## CRANES & ACCESS TOWER SUPPLEMENT

There is still time to book your advertisement in the first ever magazine supplement devoted wholly and exclusively to mobile access towers. Support for the publication has been extremely positive for what is hoped will become an annual feature in the magazine's calendar.

Prices start at just

£250 + VAT. Don't be conspicuous by your absence – email [jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk](mailto:jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk) today.

## PASMA PAGE

PASMA news continues to be published in each edition of Cranes & Access magazine which now enjoys a readership of 8,500. Any member with an interesting story, or picture, for the PASMA page should contact [jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk](mailto:jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk)



## CALL TO ACTION



The world's largest professional health and safety body is taking a four-pronged approach to tackling the big issues it sees as being critical to improving workplaces in the UK. At the launch of its far-reaching new manifesto, 'Creating a healthier UK plc' at the House of Lords, the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) laid down a series of challenges to government and other bodies on what's needed to make the UK a healthier and safer place to work.

The manifesto highlights what IOSH sees as the 'big four' challenges facing the workplace:

- Getting better health through better work;
- Creating a 'risk intelligent' society;
- Help for small firms in managing risk;
- Help for people to get the best safety advice.

## HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING

Each month the British Safety Council (BSC) publishes a guide addressing a particular health and safety issue. The September edition was devoted to 'Health & Safety Training' so PASMA took the opportunity to promote tower training and its training identity card on the inside front cover.

The association also got an editorial mention and was included in the 'Further Help' section of the 28-page booklet.



## PRACTICAL TESTING

The safety committee of the Association of Technical Lighting and Access Specialists (ATLAS) is carrying out tests on ladders and scaffolding to improve practical knowledge about equipment used and its limitations when working at height. Comments Atlas president, Graeme Fisher: "There can be no substitute for practical testing of all equipment where lives are at stake."



## HOUSE OF LORDS TO REVIEW WAHR

The House of Lords is to examine the Work at Height Regulations 2005 (WAHR) to assess how government has implemented them, and their impact on those affected by them. The Merits of Statutory Instruments Committee is calling for evidence from organisations and individuals with experience of WAHR to determine how they have worked and if their implementation and impact have been as expected.

## EXPERT TESTIMONY

Following a court case in support of which PASMA was asked to give expert testimony, HSE is urging companies to re-examine their working at height practices after a firm was fined for the death of an employee.



The warning follows HSE's successful prosecution on 27 August 2009 of EDF Energy Contracting Ltd at Chichester Crown Court. For breaching WAHR the company was fined £160,000 and ordered to pay full costs of £24,594.

It relates to an incident on 2 August 2007 when James Gordon was dismantling a mobile access tower in the sports hall of Worthing High School in West Sussex. The top working platform had been removed and Mr Gordon was on an intermediate platform when it appears he stumbled. There were no guardrails to save him and he fell more than 5 metres suffering fatal head injuries as a result.

The case points up the imperative to use either the Through the Trap (3T) or Advance Guardrail Method for assembling and dismantling towers – the only two methods approved by HSE and PASMA. Mr Gordon had received tower training, but not from an approved PASMA training centre.

## APS CONFERENCE AT LINGFIELD PARK



The Association for Project Safety (APS) and the Access Industry Forum (AIF) - which includes PASMA - have joined forces to present a work at height conference, with associated exhibition and live demonstrations, at Lingfield Park Racecourse on Monday, 28 September 2009. It will address the key issues facing CDM duty holders involved in the construction sector. Stuart Hopkins, PASMA training scheme manager, will deliver a paper entitled 'Fall prevention in mobile access towers'. NASC, FASET, IPAF, IRATA and the Ladder Association will also present papers. The HSE's Russell Adfield will talk about recent cases and prosecutions. More details from the organiser, Tony Baker at [abaker@aatcl.org.uk](mailto:abaker@aatcl.org.uk)

## USEFUL WEBSITES

### PASMA

[www.pasma.co.uk](http://www.pasma.co.uk)  
- the definitive reference source for towers

### Access Industry Forum

[www.accessindustryforum.org.uk](http://www.accessindustryforum.org.uk)  
- its role, members and activities

### HSE Falls from Height

[www.hse.gov.uk/falls](http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls)  
- the HSE's official work at height website

### HSE Work at Height Solutions Database

[www.hse.gov.uk/falls/solutions.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls/solutions.htm)  
- a new Q&A resource from the HSE

### Work at Height Regulations

[www.hse.gov.uk/falls/regulations.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls/regulations.htm)  
- the regulations explained

## NEW WEBSITE

Work has now started in earnest on the new PASMA website. Unlike its predecessor, it will be divided into two distinct parts: an internal part for the exclusive use of members and an external part facing the industry at large. More details in the next edition of the newsletter.

