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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Safety and Health Expo 2006**

## **PASMA AND ECA LAUNCH NEW COURSES**

PASMA and Electrical Contractors' Association Collaborate to Produce New  
'Work at Height' and 'Low Level Access' Training Courses

**SAFETY & HEALTH EXPO** marks the launch of two new courses developed by PASMA, the lead trade association for mobile access towers in the UK, in partnership with the Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA). Designed to improve safety and encourage best practice, the two courses 'Working at Height' and 'Low Level Access' will be delivered via PASMA's nationwide approved training centres and will be marketed jointly by the two organisations.

### **Improving Safety**

The aim is to provide members of the ECA, whose mission is to foster safety, promote training and develop a quality business environment for electrical contractors, with the knowledge and skills necessary to recognise risks, assess hazards and select the most appropriate piece of work equipment. Successful candidates will receive a joint badged certificate and photocard as proof of competence.

A stand alone module, PASMA will also be offering the 'Low Level Access' course to other industry sectors. Comments Peter Bennett, the association's general manager: "This is a natural and logical development which utilises the experience and expertise of PASMA to deliver professional access training to other trades and professions which, of necessity, have to work at height."

### **Working at Height**

Classroom based, this course aims to give ECA members practical guidance on the new Work at Height Regulations and includes a risk assessment exercise and a written test. It covers such topics as: considering the factors in organising and planning work at height; making value judgements on the selection of low level temporary access equipment, and understanding key regulations and guidance on working at height.

### **Low Level Access**

Offering a combination of both classroom-based and practical activity, this course is principally concerned with ensuring that delegates are competent to assemble, dismantle, use, move and inspect low level prefabricated access units below 2.5 metres.

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### **NEW STANDARD TRAINING COURSE**

**PASMA Completely Revises and Updates Its Industry Standard  
Training Course for Mobile Access Towers**

**NEVER** an organisation to rest on its laurels, and despite having trained 24,000 delegates in 2005 alone, PASMA, the trade association representing the mobile access tower industry in the UK, has completely updated its standard training course.

New for 2006 is an 'industry standard' course that takes account of all the latest legislation, regulations and guidance affecting working at height with towers, employs new graphics and teaching aids but, above all, is now centrally produced.

#### **Course Centrally Produced**

Comments PASMA's general manager, Peter Bennett: "Previously training centres developed their respective courses based on guidance and direction issued by the association and were audited accordingly. This new course has been centrally produced to ensure consistent content and to standardise delivery across the entire training centre network."

As before, the aim of the course is to ensure that delegates can assemble, dismantle, alter, move, inspect and use mobile access towers without risk of injury to themselves, colleagues or the general public.

#### **Not Just WAHR**

The new course takes into account WAHR; revised product standard BS EN 1004; the anticipated requirements of draft BS 8454 (delivery of training for work at height); the anticipated requirements of the Advisory Committee for Work at Height Training and, of course, the two currently approved methods for working with towers agreed by PASMA in co-operation with the HSE.

Supported by DVD presentations, the latest PASMA *Operator's Code of Practice* and comprehensive support documentation, the course blends theory with practice and culminates in the completion of a test paper. Successful delegates receive a PASMA certificate of competence and photocard.

"Safety is, and always has been, a priority for PASMA," says Peter Bennett. "It has consistently advocated higher standards and, through this latest course, is ensuring that standards continue to rise in line with growing demands and mounting legislation."

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### **PASMA INTRODUCES TOWER INSPECTION RECORD**

**MAKING ITS DEBUT** at Safety & Health Expo is the new PASMA Tower Inspection Record, completion of which constitutes compliance with the Work at Height Regulations.

Measuring 195mm x 70mm, this new safety product from PASMA provides a quick, simple and effective means of identifying the status of a mobile access tower on site.

Printed both sides, the 'green' side allows the user to enter company information and a description of the tower, plus its location, together with the name and job title of the person completing the inspection. Space is also provided for the date and time of inspection.

On the same side it reminds users that, upon completion, the Record must not be discarded, but must be retained until completion of the project, and thereafter at the offices of the person for whom it was completed.

The 'red' side headed *DO NOT USE* is for use when the tower is either (a) incomplete (b) damaged or (c) unsafe. Space is provided to enter the following information:

Action identified to correct  
Further action required  
Action completed

In addition, it informs users that towers must be inspected and the Record completed by a competent person and affixed to the tower before the end of the working period.

The new Tower Inspection Record is just one of a range of safety-related products produced by PASMA to help improve safety on site. Others include the recently revised PASMA *Operator's Code of Practice*; the *Don't Fall For It!* DVD produced in co-operation with the HSE; the handy PocketCard and the re-issued *Safe Use of Mobile Access Towers* now available on DVD.

All these products can be bought on line at [www.pasma.co.uk](http://www.pasma.co.uk)

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