

50,000 more Pasma card Carriers

By the end of 2008, a further 50,000 photo identity cards will have been issued to delegates successfully completing PASMA's standard training course. From an increasingly wide variety of industry sectors, they have been provided with the necessary knowledge and skills to make them safer and more efficient when using mobile access towers. From its inception, PASMA training has enjoyed an enviable reputation amongst responsible management and health and safety professionals who seek objective proof of competence for staff engaged in the assembly, use, inspection and dismantling of towers. Pasma managing director, Peter Bennett says: "PASMA training, which is only delivered through approved and audited training centres, is now recognised and respected as the industry standard. For many companies, because of its reputation and nationally applied standards, no other proof of competence will do."



Recording Inspections

The Work at Height Regulations require that mobile access towers are inspected regularly by a competent person and that a report be provided within 24 hours to the person for whom the inspection was carried out.

PASMA has agreed with the Health & Safety Executive that completion of a PASMA Tower Inspection Record by a competent PASMA-trained operative and applying it to the tower (the Record is produced in the form of a heavy duty decal/sticker), satisfies these requirements without further documentation and is therefore the most practical and useful way to meet this important requirement.



And what if the inspection is unsatisfactory?

If the tower is incomplete, damaged or unsafe, you should complete the red 'DO NOT USE' side of the PASMA Tower Inspection Record, stating the corrective action required and affix it to the tower in a prominent position. You should then follow the procedures laid down by your company to ensure that corrective action is taken.

So when should mobile access towers be inspected and a report completed?

- After assembly and before use in any position
- After any event likely to have affected its strength and stability
- At intervals not exceeding seven days

Connecting with Colleges

PASMA training courses are now offered by an increasing number of colleges. In the UK, these include:

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| 1. Cambridge Regional College | 4. Leicester College |
| 2. Central Sussex College | 5. National Construction College |
| 3. Carnegie College | 6. Newcastle College |

PASMA at the RDS, Dublin

Manufacturers, suppliers and users of mobile access towers in Ireland had the opportunity of visiting the PASMA stand at the 2008 Safety & Health at Work Exhibition at the RDS, Dublin. Exhibiting for the first time in Ireland, PASMA showcased its standard training programme and introduced its new low level access course. Managing director Peter Bennett, assisted by Irish members, represented the association during the two days of the show.



PASMA People: Kevin Bellis

Managing director of Rainham-based Atrium Access, Kevin Bellis has worked in the scaffolding and access tower industries for more than 40 years and has been a member of the PASMA Council since 2003.



Kevin Bellis

An industry enthusiast and advocate, he has seen the association grow from a relatively small base to become the voice of towers in the UK and Ireland. Talking of how PASMA has grown over the years

he said: "In my time at PASMA I have seen it become a fantastic success story and leaders in the industry."

Mine of Information

The PASMA website is a mine of information. For example, did you know that you can:

1. Download the instruction manuals of all PASMA's manufacturing members?
2. Identify the manufacturers of the leading access towers and ancillary equipment via their brand names?
3. Sign up to receive the PASMA e-newsletter to keep you up-to-date with what's happening at the association and in the mobile access tower industry in general?

Just visit www.pasma.co.uk

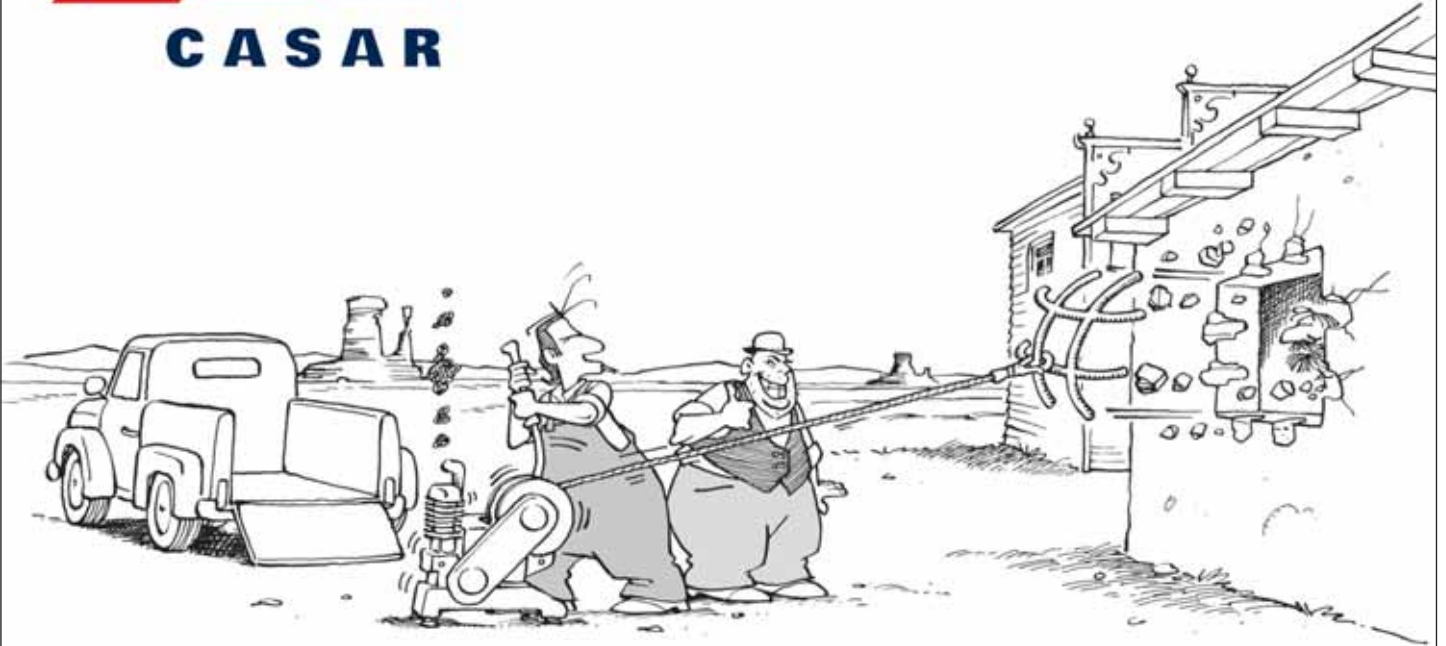
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