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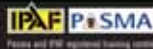
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# Judith Hackitt to open new PASMA HQ

Judith Hackitt, chairman of the UK's Health and Safety Executive, has kindly agreed to open PASMA's new headquarters in the commercial heart of Glasgow. Now home to the association's eight strong secretariat, 7 Newton Place is PASMA's first permanent HQ and represents a significant step forward in the development of the association. Guests will include members of council and PASMA's various committees, together with representatives from member organisations of the Access Industry Forum (AIF).



## George Reid

Everyone at PASMA was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of George Reid on 25th February after a short illness. Managing director of Rochester-based training specialists, Kingfisher Access, over the years George made a significant contribution to safety and best practice in the work at height sector. A popular and highly respected figure, he was an active supporter of the work of the association and will be sadly missed by his many friends and colleagues in the industry.



## Assembling mobile access towers

Before starting to assemble a mobile access tower you should:

- Use physical barriers to set up a danger or exclusion zone to protect passers-by
- Consult and strictly follow the manufacturer's instruction manual
- Check the safe working height and not exceed it
- Confirm that you have all the components and that none are missing or damaged
- Make sure that the ground is level, firm and stable
- If not, use mats, sole boards or spreader plates to spread the load
- Employ the stabilisers or outriggers as directed by the manufacturer



The latest editions of manufacturers' instruction manuals can be downloaded from the PASMA website: [www.pasma.co.uk](http://www.pasma.co.uk)

## First for Forum

Containing forewords by Geoffrey Podger, chief executive of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), and Brian Law, chief executive of the Association for Project Safety (APS), the new 12-page brochure from the Access Industry Forum (AIF) sets out the Forum's agenda and describes the activities of each member organisation.

It explains that all nine members are 'standards driven' organisations committed to advancing safety, best practice and competency when working at height, irrespective of equipment type or safety solution employed. It also makes clear the link between training and competency in the workplace and the need for users of all types of access equipment to be professionally trained to a recognised standard based on agreed work procedures. For a copy visit [www.accessindustryforum.org.uk](http://www.accessindustryforum.org.uk)



## Annual Review

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## AIF Knowledge Base set to take centre stage at 2010 Expo

The AIF Knowledge Base will be a new feature at the Safety & Health Expo, 11 - 13 May 2010 at the NEC. In completely new surroundings, the concept is designed to address the hot topics in work at height. Gone are the traditional presentations and actor-based scenarios to be replaced by panel discussions, debates and demonstrations featuring twelve organisations at the forefront of access, safety and best practice.

Contributing to the Forum for the first time are guest organisations: the Association for Project Safety (APS); the British Safety Industry Federation (BSIF); the Construction Products Association (CPA); the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB); the UK Contractors Group (UKCG) and the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH).

In a marked departure from previous years, PASMA will host a series of three different debates - one each day - by leading university debating societies briefed by a panel of tower experts:

### Tuesday, 11 May at 13:00

That 3T (Through the Trap) is a perfectly acceptable method of preventing falls from height.

### Wednesday, 12 May at 11:00

That advance guardrails are the best available option for preventing falls from mobile access towers.

### Thursday, 13 May at 13:30

That industry cannot afford the cost of converting to advance guardrails and should stick to the tried and proven 3T Method.

