

# Clunk Click goes big

A worldwide campaign to encourage all users of boom type platforms to wear a full body harness with a short lanyard has been launched.

The campaign was started in the UK by the Powered Access Interest Group (PAIG), a joint committee of the Construction Plant-hire Association and IPAF. PAIG specifically called on the Health & Safety Executive (HSE), manufacturers, hire companies and main contractors to support this campaign to save lives. "The PAIG initiative came from companies frustrated with the fact that people are dying because they are not following the simple advice in IPAF's

technical guidance note H1," says Tim Whiteman, IPAF managing director. HSE Chief Inspector of Construction Stephen Williams, in a letter to IPAF of 25 January, confirmed the HSE's support for any initiative that promotes the safe use of MEWPs. John Bradshaw of the Major Contractors Group wrote that MCG members welcome the campaign and will continue to demand equivalent standards on their sites. Over 12,000 Clunk Click posters, sponsored by hire

companies, have been printed. A set of three different sized stickers for boom lifts has been designed. IPAF has printed enough small stickers for every boom lift in the UK and is making these available free of charge. The full sets of three stickers can be ordered from Atlantic Coast Studios on 01271 374209 at a subsidised price of 19p. Companies who wish to print their own versions can obtain artwork from IPAF. A number of large UK rental businesses such as AFI-Uplift, Facelift and Nationwide are already distributing free posters and stickers to cover their fleet. Different versions of Clunk Click will be launched, including the German "Click Clack" and the North American "Click It".



## IPAF at bauma

IPAF is promoting platform safety at bauma with the support of the exhibition organisers.

The IPAF Safety Zone in the Outdoor Area F10, Stand No. N1014/9 is one of the largest at the show and covers more than 1,700 square metres. It will focus on how to choose the right equipment and how to use harnesses correctly.

Fifteen pieces of equipment from leading manufacturers will be displayed in the IPAF Safety Zone. Trained personnel will demonstrate an emergency escape from one of the largest vehicle-mounted platforms through abseiling. There will also be live demonstrations of the dangerous effect of soft ground conditions on outriggers. IPAF will host a series of short workshops on three topics: correct use of harnesses, training and typical accidents.



## IPAF Summit: What managers must know about MEWPs

This year's IPAF Summit will focus on the theme of 'Management responsibility for MEWPs'. The Summit is free and open to all interested parties. It will be held on 27 March 2007, starting at 13.45 hours, at Whittlebury Hall in Towcester, Northamptonshire.



"We have a panel of excellent speakers who will look at management responsibility for MEWPs from different angles, with the aim of giving managers practical recommendations for action," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman. "The Summit will provide a concise overview of the pertinent issues to help managers take control and manage their work at height."

**The Summit speakers include:** Justine Lee, Steve Derbyshire, Murray Pollok, Chris Buisseret, Rupert

Douglas-Jones & Bernie Kiekebosch. The Summit is open to non-members who must first register by e-mailing info@ipaf.org

It is followed by the IPAF annual dinner which is open to members and their guests. This year's guest speaker is Kevin O'Shea - the caped crusader - all the way from Atlanta. Tickets for the annual dinner can be ordered by calling IPAF on +44 (0)15395 62444. Discounts are available when you book a full table.

On 28 March, the day after the Summit, the IPAF MCWP (UK & Ireland) Committee and the IPAF Rental+ Committee will meet.



Kevin O'Shea

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IPAF focus



## Kingfisher to the fore

IPAF-approved training centre Kingfisher Access is doing its bit to promote the Clunk Click campaign in an innovative way.

Since January, everyone attending a Kingfisher IPAF Operator or IPAF Harness course will receive their own harness and lanyard as part of the MEWP Operator's Safety Kit now supplied as standard on these courses.

"This way we know that all of our customers have the correct type and quality of harness/lanyard to give them high levels of protection against being ejected vertically from boom type MEWPs," said George Reid, managing director of Kingfisher.

"Kingfisher is to be applauded for this initiative," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman. "Any effort to make our industry safer is welcome."

## New PAL Card cost

As of 1 June 2007, the cost of processing a PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) will be £22.50 net (£26.44 including VAT). Courses held on or after 1 June 2007 will be charged at the new rate. This is the first increase in seven years and reflects higher costs.



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