

PASIMA Tower Week takes to the road

Now in its third year, PASMA Tower Week will take place between the 10th and 14th of November. As in previous years, the aim is to promote the safe and efficient use of mobile access towers in the construction market, as well as other industry sectors, and to encourage overall height safety in general.

Campaign coordinator Lynn Reid, said: "Tower Week harnesses all the resources of the association and the collective experience and expertise of its members to deliver a



memorable five days that is focused entirely on keeping people safe. We have tried hard to plan an event that includes something for everyone involved in working at height." For more information visit: http://towerweek.pasma.org.uk/

Tragically terrible or truly terrific towers?

Everywhere you look there are some great examples of access towers being used safely and productively.

Unfortunately, there are also too many instances of poor practice, where towers have not been properly assembled and checked, or where they fail to comply with the requirements of European tower standard EN 1004. As part of Tower Week, 'Tragically Terrible or Truly Terrific Towers?' will encourage people to send in images of towers - both good

and bad - and PASMA will score them out of 10, accompanied by an explanation. Images are



currently being accepted and should be sent to: lynn.reid@pasma.co.uk.

Take the Tower Test!

So you think you know about mobile access to wers? PASMA is asking people to prove it by taking the online Tower Test. Based on some of the issues uncovered by the Health & Safety Executive's annual Safer Sites initiative, the test only takes five minutes to complete and can be found at: http://towerweek.pasma.org.uk/





Blantern's epic journey

This year, PASMA chairman, Chris Blantern has volunteered to travel the country making contact with every main PASMA training centre for charity. Fortunately he won't be alone as Pudsey Bear will be keeping him company. Having successfully completed the Towers for Users training course in advance, Pudsey Bear will also be climbing a tower at every venue.

Reid said: "Children in Need protects children while they are growing up. PASMA keeps them safe when they become adults and enter the workplace. We both go that extra mile to protect life by doing great work, which is why we are supporting this year's Children in Need appeal through Tower Week. Chris Blantern will certainly be going that extra mile!" Pudsey Bear will be joining Chris Blantern as he visits PASMA training centres throughout the UK for charity.

Chris Blantern

If anyone is looking to donate, a Just Giving page has been set up and can be found at: http://towerweek.pasma.org.uk/

Not on your life!

PASMA's Not on your life! poster

One of the principal themes of this year's PASMA Tower Week will be the association's 'Not on your life!' campaign that highlights the importance of only using towers that comply with European standard EN 1004.

Pasma's Lynn Reid said: "Using safe equipment designed and manufactured to the correct standards can prevent many of the issues that repeatedly come up. Simply using an EN 1004 compliant tower can make all the difference when it comes to safety. PASMA Tower Week will emphasize this vital point."



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Leaflets and posters will be available throughout Tower Week in support of the campaign.

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