







PASMA Conference

2019

On 26th September, the mobile access tower industry will come together at the PASMA



Conference 2019 at the Forest of Arden Marriott Hotel in Coventry.

A full programme of expert speakers will share insights, advice and news on all things tower related, with a special emphasis on the safe use of towers and the versatile ways you can use them. It is also a chance to meet PASMA staff and learn about opportunities, and discuss an involvement with the association, becoming a PASMA training instructor or Lead Instructor. PASMA members will display complex tower builds in a special courtyard of the hotel. The conference is free to attend and will be of interest to everyone whose work involves towers in any capacity, including users, employers and health and safety professionals.

Peter Bennett collects OBE

PASMA managing director Peter Bennett has dedicated his career to preventing falls from height and his contribution was recognised when he collected his OBE from the Queen at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh.

Bennet is managing director of PASMA, executive director the Ladder Association, chairman of the Access Industry Forum (AIF) and a founding trustee of the No Falls Foundation. He also serves on several national and international standards committees, sits on various advisory groups at the Health and Safety Executive and contributes to the work of the Better

Regulation Panel at the Department for Business, **Energy and Industrial** Strategy. He was also instrumental in the creation of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Work at Height, which is pushing for improved regulation to prevent serious injuries and fatalities.

"If you work at height, I want you to go home safely at the end of every day. From speaking to survivors of a fall from height, I know that the



consequences are often life changing and affect not just the victim but also their family, friends and colleagues. If you work at height, or are responsible for those who do, please, please take safety seriously," said Bennet.

Dates for your diary

PASMA will be represented at the following events:

- · Working Well at Height: Low Level Access, Bootle, 25 July
- · WWT Working Well at Height Seminar, 12 September, Kettering
- Health & Safety North, Manchester, 8-9 October
- UK Construction Week, Birmingham, 8 October (as part of the Access Industry Forum)
- · AIF National Work at Height Conference, Manchester, 14 November
- The National Painting and Decorating Show, Coventry, 26-27 November

Caa PASMA focus

Falls from height biggest cause of workplace fatalities

Falling from height remains the single biggest cause of fatal accidents in UK workplaces, according to new figures released by the Health and Safety Executive. In the 12 month period to March, 40 people died following a fall from height at work, up from 35 last year.

Alison Thewliss MP who chairs the All-Party Parliamentary Group said: "These statistics show that this issue is not going away. It is imperative that the Government takes forward the recommendations made in our report (Staying Alive: Preventing Serious Injury and Fatalities while Working at Height) which have been devised with input from industry and key stakeholders. We have already had a positive response from Government and the HSE, but time is of the essence when it comes to safety in the workplace, and we need to ensure these actions are taken forward as quickly as possible."

National Work at Height Conference

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PASMA is part of the Access Industry Forum (AIF), which is holding its national conference in November.

From designing for access and the role

of virtual reality to mental health awareness and managing risk, this unique event will bring together expert speakers to address the issues and topics set to shape the future of working at height. Tickets are available from: accessindustryforum.org.uk/conference

Running alongside the conference will be the work at height exhibition. All 11 members of the Forum will be represented, together with companies and organisations serving the height safety sector.

Test and Research Centre

PASMA has completed the purchase of a property in Soham where its new Test and Research Centre will be based. Renovation work is currently underway. When completed manufacturers will be able to send their towers for testing and PASMA will also run its own training courses from there, such as Instructor Training and Towers for **Professional Riggers.**





For more information about the Access Industry Forum (AIF) and the No Falls Foundation charity for working at height, please visit www.accessindustryforum.org.uk and www.nofallsfoundation.org