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# Powered access safety begins with good planning

IPAF has launched a new safety campaign, which made its debut at Intermat in late April. The new campaign highlights the fact that falls from height are still the main cause of deaths in the workplace. The EU Temporary Work at Height Directive 2001/45/EC, which has certainly helped saved lives, states: "Work at height may expose workers to particularly severe risks to their health and safety, notably to the risks of falls from a height and... fatal accidents."

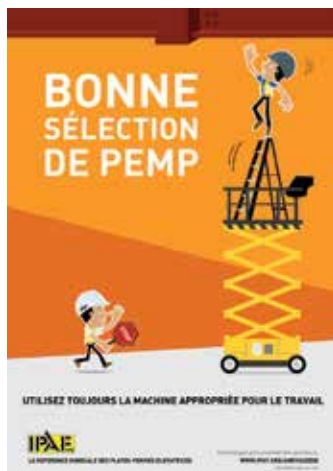
Aerial work platforms are specifically designed to safely conduct temporary work at height and have been recognised as such by safety bodies across Europe. Working safely at height using such lifts is underpinned by good planning, along with trained and properly supervised operators using the correct machine for the job.

Operators and managers conducting work at height using lifts should plan ahead for safety, carry out proper risk assessments, choose the correct equipment for the job, conduct site and machinery inspections, use trained and familiarised operators under proper supervision and implement adequate segregation from other equipment, machinery and traffic.

IPAF technical & safety director Andrew Delahunt said: "From IPAF's accident data analysis, we've identified four key accident causes that result in falls from the platform. These accidents can be prevented by proper planning and safely managing the use of aerial work platforms. We are highlighting these factors so managers and operators know the risks and know their responsibilities."

Some of the key points of guidance to consider include:

**Risky behaviour:** Operator



behaviour when using platforms is usually a positive factor in terms of safety, but risky behaviour can be a contributing cause of falls from the platform. Common risky behaviours include overreaching or leaning out of the platform, climbing on the guardrails, tying gates open or overriding safety controls. To discourage such behaviours, managers must ensure all operators are properly trained, that the right machine is selected for the job, and work at height is adequately supervised.

**Exiting at height:** To avoid falls from height while using platforms, operators should only enter or exit the work platform at access gates at ground level or on the chassis for



truck mounted lifts. An exception is during a rescue operation, where it may be necessary to exit the platform and descend by other means. This type of rescue should only be conducted where other methods cannot safely evacuate the platform occupants. Prior to use, make sure to have a formal emergency rescue plan that documents the proposed rescue methods, and rank them in a hierarchy with the safest option first.

**Setting up near other machinery or vehicles:** Aerial work platforms are frequently positioned in proximity to other moving equipment or alongside vehicular traffic. A collision between a platform and a crane, other equipment or a road vehicle can be catastrophic. Therefore, always restrict movement of machinery and/or traffic near the platform. Ensure job site planning and risk assessments are conducted prior to positioning the lift, and implement adequate exclusion zones and a vehicle traffic management plan.

**Mechanical failure:** To avoid accidents through mechanical failure and to ensure work platforms are maintained in safe working order - which is the owner's legal obligation - all owners should implement a rigorous

inspection, maintenance and thorough examination regime. The period and scope of the inspections are stipulated by government legislation and by the manufacturer and is listed in the operator's manual. The inspection schedule includes: Pre-use inspection, periodic inspections at three or six months and annual inspection which must be conducted by a competent person with adequate training and experience on that type of work platform.

To support IPAF's new safety campaign a new online spreader pad calculator has been launched at pads.ipaf.org. IPAF also offers Andy Access safety posters that can be used to deliver quick and simple safety talks on sites or in breakrooms and to further support this is also developing a series of Toolbox Talks to help get these important messages across.

