







Wake up call

PASMA is urging those responsible for safety in the workplace to demand the highest standards for low-level access now that podiums meeting BS 8620 are readily available.

BS 8620 was published towards the end of 2016 and sets the benchmark for strength, stability, rigidity and access in low-level work platforms - often referred to as podiums and pulpits. Building upon the previous work of the Publicly Available Specification PAS 250 - which introduced design criteria for podiums for the first time it provides added protection for users when working at low-level heights.

Whatever the sector, whatever the job, PASMA advises that users should not use podiums that don't, as a minimum, meet PAS 250 or preferably BS 8620.

PASMA recommends:

- If you are using podiums that meet neither PAS 250 or BS 8620, you should update your fleet at the earliest opportunity.
- · Standards are not retrospective, so if you have PAS 250 podiums that are still in good working condition, you can still use them.
- · Replace your PAS 250 podiums with products certified to BS 8620 from a reputable supplier when they are no longer in good working condition.
- Update your purchasing policy to specify BS 8620 products.

Visit www.pasma.co.uk/bs8620 for more information.





UK instructor events scheduled

PASMA is to hold a series of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) events this autumn at venues across the UK. They are intended to inform and prepare instructors in advance of the revised Towers for Users course being introduced. Instructors will learn about the updates, revisions and



enhancements to PASMA's flagship course first-hand and will have the chance to ask questions of lead instructors and other PASMA representatives.

News on the revised course, including the launch date, will be released shortly.

Ca PASMA focus

Tower Safety Week 2018 announced

The annual campaign promoting tower safety and good practice internationally returns for 2018 and will run from the 11th to the 18th of November.

Throughout Tower Safety Week, PASMA, its member organisations, and kindred safety organisations, will be campaigning for the safe use of mobile access towers via a series of events, safety led initiatives and educational resources covering everything from safety and competence to guidance and product standards.

Mobile access towers are used in many different industry sectors construction, building maintenance, cleaning, facilities management and utilities to name just a few - for which they provide a safe, flexible and effective means of gaining access to work at height.

PASMA chairman Gillian Rutter said: "PASMA Tower Safety Week is a unique opportunity for PASMA members to share their knowledge and expertise - not only with tower users, but with anyone responsible for specifying towers and overseeing their safe use in the workplace."

Information on how organisations can participate and what activities are planned for the week will be announced shortly.





Diary dates

As a leading member of the Access Industry Forum (AIF), PASMA will be represented at the following events:

- Health & Safety Scotland, 12-13th September, SEC, Glasgow
- Health & Safety North, 9-10th October, Event City, Manchester
- · UK Construction Week, 10th October, NEC, Birmingham



PASMA held it's 2018 **Conference at the Aviator Hotel** in Farnborough on 13th July. Video highlights will be released shortly on the PASMA website. Visit: www.pasma.co.uk/conference