

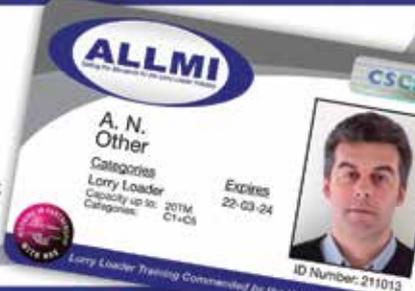
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Two injured as tower scaffold collapses

A facilities and construction management company, and its director, were fined following the partial collapse of a six metre scaffold tower, which left two men seriously injured. One suffered broken ribs, tendon damage and suffered from depression and short term memory loss ever since. The other suffered three broken vertebrae and has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

An investigation by the Health & Safety Executive found that the tower was not suitable for the type of work (demolition) being undertaken. It was not erected by a person trained and competent to do so, had been erected to a height above the manufacturer's recommendations and was loaded with a weight greater than the safe working load stated by the manufacturer.

Invictus Facilities and Construction Management of Pontprennau, Cardiff pleaded guilty to breaching sections of The Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974, and was fined £106,000 plus costs of £8,501. Company director Simon Paul Wright pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 150 hours of community service.



PASMA chairman Roger Verallo said: "This story highlights the devastating physical and mental effects that falling from a tower scaffold can have on people. That's why it's so vital that managers are trained to plan and supervise such work and know how to select a suitable tower for each job. In addition, towers must only ever be assembled and dismantled by properly trained workers who know how to ensure it's safe, stable and structurally secure at each stage. In this case, simply following the manufacturer's instruction manual would have prevented the tower being erected to an unsafe height and exceeding its safe working load. This prosecution is an example of the financial and personal consequences rightfully imposed on companies and their directors when they fail to meet their responsibilities."

For your diary... Tower Week 2022

Tower Week was established by PASMA to bring the whole industry together to promote positive stories, images and messages about mobile access towers, prefabricated tower scaffolds and low level work platforms. The international event aims to inspire people by showing them the different ways they can use towers and to help everyone work more safely by showcasing good practice. It's an opportunity for all those who work with towers to celebrate their commitment to safety and all the exciting things that towers have helped them achieve.

The next Tower Week event will take place from 6th – 12th March 2022. For more information visit: pasma.co.uk/tower-week



New training course – Linked Towers for Users

Sometimes one tower just isn't enough. When you need a bit more space, for example to work on the façade, a linked tower - two or more towers joined together - provides that extra platform length. Anyone planning to use them will be interested to know that PASMA has launched a brand new one day training course 'Linked Towers for Users' aimed at experienced staff who have already completed PASMA Towers for Users training.



Alison Thewliss MP (L) with Peter Bennett of PASMA at the launch of the APPG report on saving lives while working at height

Support the All-Party Parliamentary Group on working at height

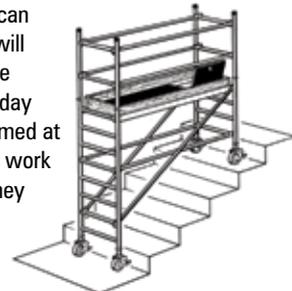
PASMA supports the UK All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on working at height, which is chaired by Alison Thewliss MP. Anyone with an interest in height safety is welcome to attend the next meeting, which is being held online at 16:00 on Monday 12th July. Attendees will hear from the No Falls Foundation about its upcoming No Falls Charter, a standardised action plan for businesses who commit to striving for zero falls from height. It will bring together good height safety practices from existing standards, policies, regulations and industry bodies into a single document that can be adapted and implemented by any organisation. The meeting will focus on the aims of the Charter as well as explore the importance of reporting near misses.

For more details, visit: workingatheight.info

Towers on Stairways training revamp



Stepped towers, stairway access towers, towers on stairs... they have various names, but all do the same thing, they are designed for use on stairways where access is tricky. Typically used for painting and decorating, maintenance and repair work over stairwells, they can also be used anywhere that the ends of the tower will be at different heights. Anyone thinking of using one should ask about PASMA's new and improved one day 'Towers on Stairways for Users' training course. Aimed at experienced users it combines theory and practical work to equip delegates with the specialist knowledge they need to safely assemble, use and dismantle a stairway tower.



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