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IPAF FESTIVE DECORATION SAFETY GUIDANCE

People using or responsible for using aerial work platforms to install and remove seasonal decorations are urged to download a new technical guidance booklet that can help to avoid safety issues and mitigate risks involved in work at height in public areas and alongside roads.

IPAF published the 24 page 'Safe Use of MEWPs in Public Areas' digital document earlier this year and it is now free to view or download at www.ipaf.org/resources in a print ready format that can be co-branded with company logo and shared with end users.

IPAF's Brian Parker said: "As we all know, installing or taking down decorations and lights can quickly turn into a festive hangover if those tasked with the work do not know how to select the correct type of machine, or overlook the need to use professionally trained operators and supervisors. At this time of year, there is often undue pressure placed on operators to save time and money by omitting a site



Brian Parker



assessment and disregarding safe-use practices. IPAF is keen to remind users of the need to ensure that all operators are trained, supervised and act in accordance with industry recognised safe practices."

"This work is often carried out during the hours of darkness or inclement weather, while those involved feel pressurised to keep up with demand to meet commitments with family and friends. However, there is no shortcut to safety, so we urge all those planning and undertaking such operations to view the new document."

Visit www.ipaf.org/safe or www.ipaf.org/resources for a comprehensive range of free to use guidance and resources including Andy Access safety posters and Toolbox Talk briefings. See www.ipaf.org/training for IPAF's courses and to find your nearest IPAF Training Centre.

ONLINE SEMINAR FOR MASTCLIMBER SAFETY

IPAF has broadcast a free online seminar aimed at re-establishing full confidence in the safety and efficiency of mastclimbing work platforms (MCWPs) as a means to offer work at height solutions for façade work, following the UK HSE safety alert that was issued earlier this year.



The seminar - Why MCWPs are the best access system for façade work - gives an update on the work the industry has done to maintain compliance with UK HSE guidance and to reassure contractors and end users that the equipment is still the safest and most effective way to conduct façade work on major construction projects.

Angel Ibañez, IPAF's mastclimber representative said: "When the UK HSE alert was issued, it was initially a significant shock for the industry to deal with. Many construction projects were threatened with delays and uncertainty, particularly as manufacturers and rental companies in the UK, made or owned fleets disproportionately consisting of the types of equipment referred to by the safety alert."



Angel Ibañez

"As you'd expect, some manufacturers and rental companies were affected more than others, depending on which designs of MCWP equipment they make or hire out. Some machines were unaffected by the UK HSE alert, while others proved relatively easy to upgrade or modify, with

the manufacturer having a solution ready to go quite soon after the alert was issued."

"IPAF has worked closely with members as they try to resolve all technical issues; and in the past few months has provided a link between our members and the UK HSE to clarify some aspects of the safety alert, and to relay information back to the UK HSE about how some of our members are implementing measures to comply with the alert. We are pleased to say that, from a position earlier this year when a significant part of the UK MCWP fleet was effectively grounded, the UK MCWP rental fleet is now back almost at full capacity. IPAF believes this means the industry is now even safer than it was prior to the alert being issued, and this is testament to the rapid response to the alert and the collective effort of all those involved in finding solutions."

"The seminar is aimed at getting this message out to the widest possible audience, it will be available to view on the IPAF YouTube channel after broadcast. We urge all participants in the MCWP market to take a look and to share the link with their clients and end-users as part of any campaign to promote the safe and effective use of mastclimbers and construction hoists for façade work and related construction tasks."



UK mastclimber working group meeting

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR IAPAS

Entries are now open for the 2023 International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs), which will be presented



at a dinner following the IPAF Summit on 20th April 2023 at the H4 Hotel Berlin Alexanderplatz in Germany.

This year there are 12 award categories, ranging from new products and innovations to sustainable initiatives, safety and training. The deadline for submitting entries is the 15th of December.

The 2023 award categories are:

- The Sustainability Award
- Access Rental Company of the Year
- Contribution to Safe Working at Height
- Innovative Technology Prize
- Digital Development Award
- IPAF Training Centre of the Year
- IPAF Training Instructor of the Year
- Products of the Year
- Mast Climbing Work Platforms & Hoists
- Scissor Lifts & Vertical Masts
- Self-Propelled Booms & Atrium Lifts
- Vehicle and Trailer Mounted
- And last but by no means least - The annual Lifetime Achievement Award.

An independent judging panel will be announced shortly. Its first job will be to whittle down the entries to a shortlist for each award category, based on evidence of excellence in business practice, innovation and forward thinking, quality, and client satisfaction.

Judges ask that all entrants use their entry form to tell them why they believe their company, project or product is special and why it deserves to win.

The awards are free to enter, and both companies and individuals can enter themselves or nominate others, and can submit entries for more than one award and more than one entry per category. Awards are for activities undertaken and products launched between September 2021 and October 2022.



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