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# SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT VERTIKAL DAYS



**IPAF will return to Vertical Days as the visitor registration sponsor while exhibiting on Stand 426, where the federation will showcase this year's global safety campaign focused on preventing aerial work platform overturns.**

The association will also unveil new recovery and rescue guidance to support emergency response procedures and clarify best practices for safe extraction during entrapment or equipment malfunction, with live demonstrations of real world scenarios.

During the show, visitors will be encouraged to sign up to the PAINT (Powered Access Industry Trust) initiative, raising funds for cancer research. Companies can nominate a fleet machine as their 'PAINT machine', donating a proportion of hire revenue to cancer research, with participating organisations recognised at an annual awards ceremony.

There will also be two IPAF committee meetings at the event:

1. Wednesday 10th - The Annual Open Meeting of the IPAF Rental+ Committee, convened by Martin Wraith.
2. Thursday 11th - The UK and Ireland MCWP & Hoist Working Group, convened by Angel Ibanez. In this meeting, tribute will also be paid to Kevin O'Shea who served as chairman of the IPAF MCWP & Hoist International Committee for many years.



# A MILLION ePAL DOWNLOADS

**IPAF's ePAL app has reached one million downloads just four years after its launch in June 2021.**

Developed by construction technology company Trackunit, the app passed 500,000 downloads in December 2023



before crossing the one million milestone earlier this month. The digital platform includes machine access control for those units requiring it, while serving as a digital wallet for operator licences and qualifications.

The app integrates with Trackunit's Bluetooth enabled Access Management solution, to unlock machinery while users can build operator profiles with licences, familiarisations and machine activity, perform guided machine pre-use checks, unlock machines digitally and log work activity automatically.

IPAF and Trackunit are expanding their partnership focus from individual work platform operators to contractors, embedding the app into job site operations.

Trackunit chief executive Søren Brogaard said: "With the latest version of ePAL, we are improving the way we access machines through digitisation, with automated worklogs and workflows in the app replacing manual inputs, eliminating human error and helping drive behavioural change on job sites. While contractors' adoption has some way to go, the widespread use of ePAL and its features shows the sector is moving fast."

The app is available in multiple languages, downloaded it from <http://www.ipaf.org/epal>

# IPAF ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

**IPAF's Global Safety Report 2025 shows a notable decrease in fatalities involving powered access equipment, despite a minimal reduction in overall reported incidents during the period. Launched on the 22nd of July, the report examines accident data from 2015 to 2024, analysing anonymised global data to provide actionable insights for reducing accidents and improving safety performance.**

This year's report shows 15 percent fewer fatal and major incidents in 2024, with 170 reports compared to 201 in 2023. Fatalities declined 26 percent to 100 from 135 in 2023, with 211 people involved in incidents, 12 percent fewer than in 2023, across 26 countries. Overturns remained the top cause, followed by entrapment and falls from platforms. Most incidents occurred on construction sites - 37 percent - followed by tree care and electrical/utility work - 13 percent each. Most involved category 1b machines - boom lifts with outriggers - trucks, trailers and spiders made up 34 percent of the incidents, followed by 3a and 3b machines - mostly scissor lifts at 26 percent.

Other key statistics:

- A 75 percent increase in entrapment reports and 62 percent increase in entrapment fatalities from 2023 to 2024
- A 56 percent reduction in fatalities from overturns
- A 50 percent decrease in incident reports of people being hit by a falling object but a 75 percent increase in fatalities

Head of safety and technical Brian Parker said: "The 26 percent reduction in fatalities is a positive step forward, but we must remain focused on the bigger picture, every incident report reminds us that there is still work to do. While it's encouraging to see improvements, especially in overturn related fatalities, the sharp rise in entrapment fatalities is a clear signal that we must continue driving education, vigilance and adherence to safe working practices across all sectors."

To view the full Global Safety Report, visit [www.ipaf.org/accident](http://www.ipaf.org/accident).

