

# THE EVOLUTION EVERY AWP HAS BEEN WAITING FOR

Transform every basket into  
an engineered workspace system

Cut drop risks. Keep crews moving.  
Tools stay secure, visible - always within reach



[elevatedtoolaccessories.com.au](http://elevatedtoolaccessories.com.au)



**Meet the lift industry**

5,000 sqm  
with lifts and  
lifting equipment

[www.liftmesse.dk](http://www.liftmesse.dk)  
[info@liftmesse.dk](mailto:info@liftmesse.dk)

**VISIT DENMARK'S LARGEST  
LIFT EXHIBITION**

Dansk Liftmesse 2026  
21 - 22 May in Odense

# SAFE USE OF BATTERIES

IPAF has released new guidance on the safe use, charging, storage, inspection, maintenance and disposal of batteries fitted to aerial work platforms.

The guidance comes at a time when the number of larger battery powered platforms are becoming more common. The guidance is intended to support owners, rental companies and operators in managing batteries correctly throughout their service life.

Download the guidance free of charge from the IPAF website.



## SHARE YOUR STORY - EP 3

IPAF has released the third video in its 'Share Your Story' safety series, based on a real incident reported by a member.

The latest video, 'Pedestrian Control Incident', reconstructs an incident in which a delivery driver suffered a fractured ankle while delivering two aerial work platforms to a manufacturing facility. He was driving a scissor lift at the time, using the wandering lead in 'pedestrian control mode' and failed to maintain a safe distance from the machine. A distraction caused the lift to run over him. The incident could and should have been avoided through better planning and by operating the machine from the platform rather than pedestrian control mode.

IPAF head of safety and technical, Brian Parker said: "Pedestrian control mode is typically used where there are specific risks, such as a risk of crushing from overhead obstructions or uneven ground causing a risk of overturning, but in this case, the machine should have been operated from the platform. The operator also did not maintain a safe distance and was distracted by another activity on site. This video demonstrates how the task could have been completed differently - and the incident prevented - with more careful planning and operation."

The 'Share Your Story' campaign encourages operators, supervisors, managers and companies to submit accounts of near misses, incidents, lessons learned and safety improvements.

Do you have a story to share? Contribute to IPAF's #ShareYourStory initiative. Submissions can be anonymous.



A computer generated image of the scene

## IPAF ANCH'IO 2026



IPAF Italy will hold its fourth Anch'io annual event on the 22nd of May at Villa Baiana in Brescia. The event brings together rental companies, manufacturers, contractors, trainers and other industry representatives to discuss safety in the powered access sector.

The event will begin with a welcome from IPAF chief executive Peter Douglas, followed by a session on the impact of economic pressures - including tariffs, rising costs, geopolitical issues and longer machine life cycles - on safety related business decisions. Further sessions will look at safety across the supply chain, from design and production to rental, training, maintenance and components, as well as an interactive discussion aimed at addressing common misconceptions around insurance.

The afternoon programme will focus on decision making in challenging conditions, using examples linked to economic pressures, technological change and generational transition. The guest speaker will be international basketball referee Luigi La Monica, who will discuss decision making under pressure, ambiguity and time constraints.

## APEX 2026

IPAF will exhibit at the APEX show set to take place from 2 - 4th of June at the MECC exhibition centre in Maastricht, the Netherlands. During the event IPAF will host a Women in Powered Access networking breakfast on the 3rd of June from 8:00-9:30 at the Bar Bistro Saam restaurant within the exhibition centre. It will also have a live outdoor demonstration area on its stand, showing Pre-Use and ePAL checks, pedestrian control of self-propelled work platforms, Recovery and Rescue from a platform, and practical tests on scissor and boom lifts.

Inside the exhibition hall, IPAF will have a stand near the main entrance, where it will provide information on its 2026 safety campaign, accident reporting, updates to training courses, the WiPA (women in powered access) mentoring scheme, and two new guidance documents: The Safe Use of Aerial Work Platforms Near Railway Infrastructure and The Safe Use and Maintenance of Batteries Fitted to Mobile Elevating Work Platforms.

Peter Douglas said: "APEX is a key event for our industry, and IPAF is proud to be an advocate and longtime supporter. We are excited to bring live demonstrations to the show for the first time that reflect real world powered access safety scenarios that our industry faces every day."

