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# IPAF 2019 Street Smart campaign

The International Powered Access Federation (IPAF) has launched its Street Smart safety campaign, outlining the dangers of using powered access equipment on or adjacent to roads. With the risk of the platform being struck by a passing vehicle such as bus or truck, planning is needed in order to operate safely.

Chief executive Tim Whiteman said: "Work platforms are designed to work at height safely in most environments, including on roads and public places. However, being hit by a passing vehicle while operating one is a leading cause of serious injury or death, according to our accident analysis."

Key points of the guidance include: Plan ahead - assess risk; develop and use a traffic management scheme. Be visible - wear hi-vis PPE to position cones/signs. Ensure vehicles are conspicuous (flashing beacons/rear chevrons) and work areas well lit. Manage traffic - Use temporary traffic lights or close roads to separate the working area. Use signs and cones to warn oncoming vehicles. Implement an exclusion zone - segregate the working area from passing vehicles. Position the work platform so it does not overhang into traffic. Load and unload safely - in a well lit area, away from traffic or obstructions. When unloading next to a road, ensure it is segregated from traffic.

For more information on IPAF safety campaigns see [www.ipaf.org/safe](http://www.ipaf.org/safe)



## Exhibitions safety guidelines published

IPAF has issued special guidance for loading/unloading, setting up and demonstrating powered access equipment at exhibitions and trade fairs.

The guidance covers safe operation, delivery of machines, traffic and pedestrian management, setup and dismantling, weather conditions, operation during show hours, outdoor displays, use of prototypes and non certified platforms, demonstration zones, authorised operators and the use of appropriate PPE and fall protection equipment.

The guidance is available to view or download free from IPAF's website at [www.ipaf.org/resources](http://www.ipaf.org/resources)



## IPAF 2018 - 1,335 members, 66 countries, 775,000 PAL Cards

2018 was a positive year for IPAF with 1,335 members across 66 territories, while 165,787 people successfully completed an IPAF training course, taking the total number of valid PAL Cards to more than 775,000.

Further details can be found in IPAF's 2018 Annual Report, available in English, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish and is free to download from [www.ipaf.org/annual-report](http://www.ipaf.org/annual-report)



## Scotland regional meeting

IPAF's next regional meeting will be held on May 22nd at the Doubletree Hilton hotel, Strathclyde, Glasgow at 18:30. Hosted by Carl Evans of HSS the meeting will include presentations on Mental Health in the Workplace, Addressing the skills gap, an overview of pre-delivery inspections and thorough examinations, along with updates on IPAF developments and a Q&A session followed by a buffet and drinks.

Costs are £10 a head for IPAF members or £15 for non members.

More information on [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

## Irish Council reconstituted

IPAF's Irish Council has been reconstituted following a meeting and new elections in Dublin on 11th April. Peter O'Riordan of Loxam was elected chairman, while David Meeke of Highway Plant becomes vice chairman, with 11 other council members elected to represent an equal split of IPAF rental and training company members. The Council is open to IPAF members in both Northern Ireland and the Republic.

UK and Ireland general market manager Richard Whiting said: "Thanks must go to outgoing chairman Julie Smyth for her fantastic work over a number of years. A new Council has been elected to continue her hard work."

## IPAF wins injunction

IPAF has won an injunction against former member Capital Equipment Services Ltd (CESL) of Chennai, India, that had attempted to copy its accredited training programme and pass it off as its own.



Tim Whiteman

The High Court of Madras found CESL to be in breach of copyright and ordered it to desist circulating the copied course material, including to the Aerial Platform Association of India, which was also named in the injunction.

IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman said: "We welcome this injunction, which protects the hard work and co-operation of IPAF members. We are pleased the Indian judicial system found decisively in IPAF's favour, and that this attempted fraudulent activity has been stopped in its tracks. Use of the IPAF training programme is open to any member that meets the relevant quality standards and observe its code of conduct. The CESL has since been expelled."

## Europlatform 2019

IPAF's annual conference Europlatform, will be held at the Le Negresco hotel in Nice, France, on 3rd October and is now open for booking, with the early bird rate available until 3rd September. visit [www.europlatform.info](http://www.europlatform.info)