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Tower standard changes in November

If you're responsible for the safety of tower users, you must provide equipment that's safe and reliable. A simple way to do that is to choose towers that are certified to design standard EN 1004-1.

EN 1004-1 tells us what materials, dimensions, design loads, safety and performance requirements mobile access towers should conform to. The standard has been around since 2004, but a new version is now available - EN 1004-1:2020.

We are currently in a transition period where designers, manufacturers and suppliers are switching to towers that comply with, and are certified to, EN 1004-1:2020. This transition period ends on the 30th November.

PASMA is here to support you through the changes. Its experts have written a free, comprehensive guide to the revision, covering:

- The new definition of a mobile access tower
- The four main areas of change
- A timeline for the rollout
- How, and when, to start preparing
- Choosing safe towers for work and home
- FAQs



It's a must read for anyone who buys, rents, owns or uses mobile access towers, or is responsible for safety in the workplace. For more details visit: pasma.co.uk/en1004.

Towers in bad weather

Autumn brings more rain, wind and eventually, frost and snow. Stay safe on scaffold towers by following these tips:

- Don't work on towers during snowy or frosty weather or in heavy rain - you could slip and fall.
- If the average wind speed reaches 17mph, stop work and dismantle the tower. Use a hand-held anemometer to monitor the wind speed while you're working.
- Be cautious - wind speed can increase significantly in certain locations, such as between high buildings or at the top of a hill.
- During risk assessments, check the weather forecast to make sure conditions are expected to be suitable for the work you'll be doing.
- Check the instruction manual for guidance. Remember you must follow the manual when you build the tower and have it on site - that's a legal requirement.
- When working near overhead electrical cables, rain is an added complication. Whatever the weather, consult the appropriate national guidance on working safely near electricity and your local power company for advice on safe distances. Always be aware of the flash factor (arcing), but especially in wet conditions.

- After wind, rain, snow or frost, re-inspect your tower and the ground conditions. Ensure the stability and structural integrity of the tower haven't been affecting before re-starting work.



PASMA Conference 2022

After a two year absence, the PASMA Annual Conference will return on 28th & 29th September 2022 at the Delta by Marriott Nottingham Belfry Hotel. It will be an opportunity to hear the latest insights and guidance on scaffold tower safety and see the variety of ways that they can be used.

Tickets will be released nearer the time for members and anyone with an interest in towers – including those who select access equipment for their organisation or have responsibility for the health and safety of people who work at height.

Safety Practitioner Zone

Helping workers stay safe on scaffold towers is easier than ever with PASMA's Safety Practitioner



Zone. This resource library helps safety professionals update their tower knowledge and share good practice. It includes toolbox talks, tower reference guides, bitesize safety videos and details of upcoming changes to EN 1004, the design standard for mobile access towers.

The PASMA Safety Practitioner Zone is reserved for members of leading safety associations, who are helping PASMA get these resources into the hands of people who will make best use of them.

Easy access to 70+ scaffold tower instruction manuals

PASMA maintains a free online library of scaffold tower instruction manuals, which includes a comprehensive range of assembly guides from all PASMA's manufacturing members. For easier access, the library of more than 70 manuals is divided by tower type and then by manufacturer. It includes instructions for:

- Mobile access towers
- Cantilever towers
- Towers with bridges
- Towers on stairs
- Low level work platforms

PASMA recommends that anyone assembling a mobile access tower, prefabricated tower scaffold or low level work platform follows the instruction manual. No manual should mean no tower.



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