HSE Alert (Ref. 14 in 2014)

Working at Height – Mobile Access Towers

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Background

Following the incident at South Kentish Town disused station where an operative fell from the top working platform and landed at the base of the mobile tower structure, **from the 30th November 2014, all mobile access towers in use by or on behalf of Transport for London are required to have a valid scafftag attached before they can be used.**

Instruction

Mobile access towers are not to be used if the Scafftag is missing, out of date, or states 'Do Not Use', until a PASMA Competent person (authorised to inspect towers) has checked the tower and certified it fit for use and has updated the Scafftag attached to the tower.

All mobile access towers, irrespective of whether owned or hired, must be inspected by a trained person holding a valid Prefabricated Access Suppliers' & Manufacturers' Association (PASMA) license and that inspection recorded on an Inspection Record Card and a Scafftag must be attached to the tower:

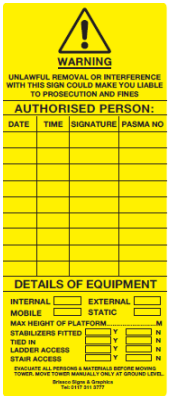
a). During and after assembly and before use in any position;

b). After any event likely to have affected its strength or stability e.g. high winds, damage, alteration or addition to the tower; and

c). At intervals not exceeding 7 days.

An Inspection Record must be completed each time the tower is assembled or modified or after any event set out in (b) above with the results of the inspection and the safe working load.

For all mobile access towers, the overall result of the inspection and safe working load will be recorded on a Scafftag as shown below and attached to the tower before work commences and updated at least every 7 days.



SCAFFOLD IS SAFE TO USE when fully completed, dated & signed by PASMA trained person

DO NOT USE SCAFFOLD

Please communicate this bulletin to your teams, projects and suppliers as appropriate

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