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Seminar Series hits the spot



We were delighted to host 80 delegates at the first two seminars of the LEIA 2018 Seminar Series. Participants at the *Managing your safety with LEIA* (14 March) and *Securing your cash in a post-Carillion era* (9 May) seminars were given the opportunity to hear from leading industry experts and practitioners, and to participate in case study discussions.

The Safety Seminar, held at the National Motorcycle Museum

attracted a very good attendance. Members heard presentations on Escalator Safety and BS 7801:2011, proposals under discussion for a LEIA Competency Plan, an update on Construction, Design & Management Regulations including the role of Principal Designer, an update on the work of the LEIA Safety Committee with a retrospective on the highly successful Liam Loves Escalators campaign, and news of the publication of BS OHSAS 45001. Delegates at the Contracts Seminar, held at the Hilton Northampton were treated to a contracts masterclass on how to better manage payment risks from job enquiry to final payment. The seminar provided an introduction to the practical measures that can be taken to maximise contractual entitlements, particularly those relevant to cashflow. Presenters covered key aspects including, Contract fundamentals, Variation and Acceleration, Extensions of...

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Time, Loss & Expense, Securing your cash/Payment scams.

We would like to thank all our presenters and delegates, and especially to those who provided feedback. Of the delegates who completed a feedback form, 100% stated that they would recommend the LEIA seminars to their colleagues.

SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Technical Seminar 31 October, Northampton

News items

Growing support for Construction Retentions Bill



The <u>Construction (Retention</u> <u>Deposit Schemes) Bill</u> had its first reading in Parliament in January and is now supported by 80 organisations connected with the construction industry. Thousands of firms in the industry, including LEIA members, have contacted their MPs to drum up support for the Bill. A petition to support the Bill on behalf of over 350,000 companies was handed in at No 10 by Peter Aldous MP on 23 April. The Bill's second reading will take place on 15 June.

The Bill stipulates that, unless the monies are protected, any clause in a construction contract enabling the deduction of cash retentions, will be invalid. Cash retentions would have to be safeguarded within a retention deposit scheme. The Bill would apply to the whole of the UK.

The rules for establishing and operating retention deposit schemes would be contained in secondary legislation. Such schemes may simply provide a "custodial" service to ring-fence the monies or, instead, could provide insurance-backed alternatives (such as the LEIA Contract Guarantee Scheme). Schemes would be expected to provide quick and inexpensive adjudication or mediation procedures to resolve any disputes holding up release of the monies.

Safety campaign short-listed for award

Our 'Liam Loves Escalators' safety campaign has been shortlisted in the 'Not for Profit/Charity campaign of the year' category in the <u>UK Content awards</u>.

The awards take place on the 21 June, so we're keeping our fingers crossed!

New committee member



We are pleased to welcome Roy Casey, Joint Managing Director at Lift & Engineering

Services to the Contracts & Legal Committee. Roy has over 40 years' experience in commerce and industry, including a significant period in the Construction and Facilities Management sector as contractor and consultant.

A warm welcome to our newest member

We are pleased to welcome Target Lifts as our newest member.



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THE LONDON PLAN

THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR GREATER LONDON DRAFT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION DECEMBER 2017



Policy D3 Inclusive design

- To deliver an inclusive environment and meet the needs of all Londoners, development proposals are required to achieve the highest standards of accessible and inclusive design, ensuring they:
 - 1) can be entered and used safely, easily and with dignity by all
 - are convenient and welcoming with no disabling barriers, providing independent access without additional undue effort, separation or special treatment
 - 3) are designed to incorporate safe and dignified emergency evacuation for all building users. In developments where lifts are installed, as a minimum at least one lift per core (or more subject to capacity assessments) should be a fire evacuation lift suitable to be used to evacuate people who require level access from the building.
- B The Design and Access Statement, submitted as part of planning applications, should include an inclusive design statement.

Policy D3 Inclusive design, The London Plan (Draft), Mayor of London



The draft new London Plan and Fire Safety

In March, commenting came to an end on the <u>draft</u> <u>new London Plan</u>. We welcomed a change to the policy on inclusive design for increased focus on evacuation as being complementary to accessibility to buildings. The draft plan included and a recommendation for developments where lifts are installed, at least one lift per core (or more subject to capacity assessments) should be an evacuation lift suitable to be used to evacuate people who require level access from the building.

While the focus of documents such as the London Plan is primarily on new build, there is a serious issue, which Andy Shipley from Aspire raised at BSI's recent Fire Safety Conference in Manchester, with the challenge of improving the evacuation provisions of existing building stock. At the same conference, Dame Judith Hackitt, who has since published her report on regulatory reform following the Grenfell Tower fire, gave a forthright presentation.

We were interested to hear that she recognised the legacy problem of existing buildings. It was clear to her listeners that she believes that a fundamental reform of the regulatory regime for fire safety is required. Her remarks were more broadly aimed at the failed system of construction procurement in the UK – a them which resonates in our industry. We await the Government's response with interest.

Dates for the diary...

- 1 SEPTEMBER: Distance Learning semester start
- 6 SEPTEMBER: Distance Learning end test
- 31 OCTOBER: Annual Technical Seminar

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LIFTEX 2019 - 65% already booked!

With a year to go before <u>LIFTEX 2019</u> is open at ExCeL London, over 65% of exhibition space is already taken. To date 53 exhibitors are confirmed, including LEIA members such as:

A&A Electrical Distributors Alimak Hek **Bullet Lift Services Digital Advanced Controls** Earlswood Industrial Services Gartec **Global Lift Equipment Hydratec Lift Services** International Lift Equipment Jackson Lift Group Kollmorgen Lester Control Systems **Northern Drives & Controls** Sassi Lift Systems **Terry Group Thames Valley Controls**

To see who is exhibiting and where they are located, you can view the <u>current exhibition floorplan.</u>

To join LIFTEX 2019 as an exhibitor or to learn more about the Show, contact: Stephen Ingram, <u>stephen.ingram@liftex2019.com</u> or reach him via + 44 (0)1963 44 1234.



Technical Standards

As we have featured previously, there are a number of standards approaching publication. The following have been published recently:

- BS ISO 45001:2018 Occupational health and safety management systems. Requirements with guidance for use supersedes BS OHSAS 18001 and has a three year transition.
- BS EN 81-21:2018 Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts – Lifts for the transport of persons and goods Part 21: New passenger and goods passenger lifts in existing building.
- BS EN 81-28:2018 Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts - Lifts for the transport of persons and goods Part 28: Remote alarm on passenger and goods passenger lifts.
- BS EN 81-58:2018 Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts - Examination and tests Part 58: Landing doors fire resistance test.
- BS EN 81-71:2018 Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts - Particular applications to passenger lifts and goods passenger lifts Part 71: Vandal resistant lifts.
- BS 8486-8:2018 Examination and test of new lifts before putting into service. Specification for means of determining compliance with BS EN 81. Part 8. Lift features for fire-fighting conforming to BS EN 81 72. This is the BS test document for firefighters lifts to BS EN 81-72:2015.
- BS 8486-9:2018 Examination and test of new lifts before putting into service. Specification for means of determining compliance with BS EN 81. Part 9. Lift features for emergency recall conforming to BS EN 81-73. This is the BS test document for lifts with fire recall to BS EN 81-73:2016.

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Updates



Trailblazer Apprenticeships

The Trailblazer (TB) Group, of which LEIA is a member, has submitted two Apprenticeship Standards to the Institute for Apprenticeship (IfA):

Lift/Escalator and Moving Walkway

Electromechanic (L3). The Assessment Plan has been accepted, but with conditions which the TB is currently addressing along with discussion with the IfA to determine the appropriate Funding Band.

Stairlift, Lifting Platform and Service Lift

<u>Electromechanic (L2)</u>. The Standard has been accepted and work now starts on the Assessment Plan and Funding Band.

Once approved by the IfA, the new trailblazer apprenticeship framework will be available for training providers and employers to work to.

Thinking of Joining LEIA?

As a member you can access:

- Technical guidance
- Health & safety advice
- Updates on standards & legislation
- Contract & legal information
- Contract Guarantee Scheme
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- Member-only seminars

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Safety Information Sheet – Misuse of Lifts

This newly published Safety Information Sheet highlights instances of misuse to make lift owners aware of what can happen and how well intentioned actions by their employees can put persons at extreme risk. Ultimately the responsibility for the safety of any equipment, such as lifts and escalators located in a building rests with the owner or person in control of that building.

View the Misuse of Lifts Safety Information Sheet



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