



Technical Warning Notice

Subject: Generic notice to owners and maintainers of lifting platform landing door locks

Introduction

This notice is a guide and reminder to both individual lifting platform owners and those owners, e.g. Housing Associations, who may own many lifting platforms. It also provides guidance to LEIA members when looking to tender for bulk service contracts.

It is essential that maintenance is performed by companies who hold ISO 9001 Quality Certification, as this provides confidence that the maintenance contractor is competent. It is also essential that maintenance is performed by personnel who are suitably trained, qualified by knowledge and practical experience – see BS 9102; *Safe working on lifting platforms*. The LEIA Competency Plan supports this by calling for all personnel to be registered on an NVQ within 2 years and should work towards achieving a Level 2 (Lifting Platform) NVQ within 5 years of starting.

LEIA have produced an industry Code of Practice to assist platform lift owners and LEIA members: https://www.leia.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/upload_image/LM01%202013.pdf

This has been developed to improve the general standards of maintenance within the industry and to ensure that LEIA members offer a consistent high level of service to their customers

Before a lifting platform is taken onto a maintenance agreement the proposed maintainer should inspect the item of plant to determine its condition and the frequency of maintenance or amount of repairs work that would be required to get the plant to a safe condition. In some instances, such as tendering bulk agreement pre inspection is not always possible. In such situations an initial inspection should be made within 4 months of securing the agreement or at the first scheduled maintenance visit and a report of condition issued to the responsible person.

Inspection of lifting platform landing door locks

The initial report of condition should include at least the following indicative checks:

- Check condition of landing locks and their fixings.
- Check for correct operation of landing locks.
- Check doors for free running. Check door guiding.
- Check door gaps.
- Check emergency unlocking device.
- Check doors self-close (relock?)
- Check correct operation of closed and open door control circuits
- Check doors self-lock when no power