Service and Product Guide



Lakeside-Hire

Making You Smile

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Lakeside-Hire

Making YOU Smile

We'll make you smile by:

Supplying WHAT you need WHEN you need it!

Delivery

Delivery is guaranteed - if we guarantee you a time, we will be there (see page 6 for full details).

Equipment

Equipment supplied from our depot will be:

- Safe
- Easy to use
- Clean

Don't Take Our Word For It...

Here's what our customers say:

"I really appreciate the efficiency and politeness you have shown and thank you for making my day."

Clear Heating Ltd.

"We found service quick, efficient and the equipment was in good condition. We will certainly look to use your service again."

Generation Fit

"Pleased with the service, we will be back!"

Makro

"An absolute pleasure to deal with, communications and reminders via e-mail were excellent; the lads who dropped off and picked up the tower were extremely friendly and helpful. The equipment arrived clean and in good order. I will certainly use again, and would highly recommend Lakeside-Hire."

Peter Jones

"I'm very happy with Lakeside-Hire's service; it's the best I have seen from any supplier."

Neotek Electrics Ltd

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What can you expect from Lakeside-Hire?

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 08:30 - 17:00

To Place An Order:

Call us on: **0844 273 1246**

Email us on: **hire@lakeside-hire.co.uk** any time and we will contact you

Hire Period

All prices quoted are for one week's hire and the minimum hire period on most items is one week.

Charge Period

Your charge period is for a full SEVEN days and not five as is the industry standard. This means you get more value for your money. If you receive the goods on a Monday you will have them until the following Monday.

After the initial seven days a daily hire rate applies which is simply the weekly rate divided by seven!

Price Guarantee

We supply the same great trade rates to all our customers. You can be confident that no one else is getting the same high standard of service from Lakeside at a cheaper rate than you!

Quality of Equipment

When our equipment comes back it is always safety checked by our PASMA trained operatives. When it passes the safety checks it is power washed, cleaned up and put through routine maintenance before going back into circulation. As it is picked for your order the equipment is then checked again before being loaded on the vans and sent to you so you can be confident it will be ready to work when you are.

Your Hire Co-ordinator

Your order will always be dealt with in a friendly and helpful manner by a Hire Co-ordinator.

All of our qualified Hire Co-ordinators have been PASMA trained, so you can be confident that the advice they provide is safe and useful.

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What you need to know

Payment Choices

We accept all major credit and debit cards with no extra charges passed on to you.









Your Service

When you pay for a CASH contract you receive the following henefits:

No Deposits

You only pay for the hire and delivery services you want to book.

Delivery

You can choose a delivery service to suit you and all you have to do is be on site to receive the goods, check the paperwork and sign the receipt.

Service Call

We will call you after your scheduled delivery time to ensure equipment has been received and you are happy. At this point you can tell us if you require any additional items for your project.

Reminder Call

We will call you the day before your hire ends to check if you need to keep the equipment longer. If so, you can simply pay for the additional time or, if you are finished, we will arrange the collection for you.

Powered Access

We can supply powered access without the need for a monthly credit account with us, ask your Hire Co-ordinator for a Powered Access Application Form.

Credit Account

If you hire regularly you may benefit from a Monthly Credit Facility. Ask your Hire Co-ordinator to send you an application form or download them from **Lakeside-Hire.co.uk**

Value Added Tax (VAT)

Please note that all prices shown in this brochure are subject to VAT at the standard rate.

Your delivery service

Have you been left on site waiting for equipment? Have you booked an early delivery slot only to be let down & refunded the delivery charge?

We understand that more than just money is lost when your equipment is late or cannot be delivered or collected when you need it to be.

We deliver on time, every time.

If we fail to deliver exactly what you ordered, exactly when it's required and in perfect working condition you get it **FREE** for the first week!

This is a No Excuses guarantee.

You can pick and choose between the following options:

Standard Service

Within the M25
Delivery between 07:00-11:59
Collection between 08:00-15:00
£15.00 each delivery or collection

Timed Service

Within the M25
Booking Slot by the hour = £40.00
(ie between 09:00-10:00)
Exact Time = £60.00

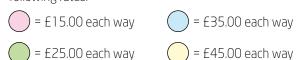
Specialist Services

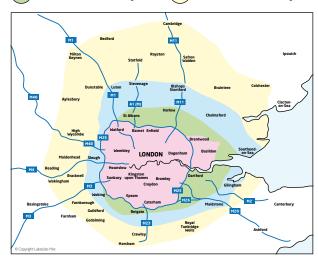
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- 1. **Out of hours** we can arrange deliveries and collections outside of normal times. Prices start from £60
- 2. **Waiting time** if you only need the equipment for a few hours we can provide a van to wait at your site ready for when you are finished with the equipment. Waiting time is charged at £30 per half hour.

Outside the M25

We can deliver our stock to areas outside the M25 for the following rates:





If you require a delivery service outside of this area please speak to your Hire Co-ordinator who will be happy to help.

Re-Hire Service

For areas outside the M25 we can supply a hire service from a third party. Whilst this service is not covered by our standard guarantee **we will guarantee** that you will receive the equipment you need the very next day.

Delivery and collection for a rehire service is £15 each way anywhere in the country.

Ask your Hire Co-ordinator for more details.

Powered Access Service & Delivery

We are now pleased to offer a range of powered access to cater for a wide variety of your projects. As this is a specialist area in access please check which delivery services are available when placing your order with your Hire Co-ordinator.

ACCESS TOWERS

Available in a range of heights and platform sizes, mobile scaffold towers are one of the safest and most versatile solutions when working at height.

Your price is based on the height of the tower and the system you want to use.

- All towers come with necessary safety features.
 You get all toe boards, stabilisers and weights where necessary at no extra charge.
- All our prices are clear; you won't find "POA" on any of our towers.

Simply choose the height you need, the system required and the platform dimensions. Add any additional items and then give us a call to place your order.

Getting Started

Select the tower system you need Ladderspan, Cam-lock Advanced Guardrail, Stairmax. Clima. Room-mate. GRP Zone 1

2. Select the width you needSingle width: 850mm, Double width: 1450mm

3. Specify the length you need 1800mm. 2500mm

4. Pick your required extras

Staging Boards, Cantilever section, Bridging sections, Scaffold Boards. See page 23 for more items.

Call us:

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Scaffold Inspection Tags - Why You Need Them!

It is a requirement of the HSE that inspections of towers are carried out and the results recorded. A visible tag system is a great way to supplement your Health & Safety records and is a recommended practice.

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We send PASMA tags with your tower as standard. £8.30 for two inserts.

Boss LadderSpan Tower



With its integrated ladders and 3T build method the Boss LadderSpan tower system is safe and easy to erect.

2.2m platform height tower£45.80
3.2m platform height tower£60.10
4.2m platform height tower£74.40
5.2m platform height tower£88.70
6.2m platform height tower£103.00
7.2m platform height tower£117.30
8.2m platform height tower£131.60
9.2m platform height tower£145.90
10.2m platform height tower £160.20
11.2m platform height tower £174.50

Boss Cam-Lock Advanced Guardrail



The Boss Cam-Lock Advance Guardrail provides an alternative build method for Boss Ladderspan, Clima & Evolution towers and offers users the following features & benefits:



- Safety guardrail in place before the user ascends the platform
- Tower rigidity created by positive Cam-Lock action
- Fewer components quicker & simpler build
- AGR frames less susceptible to loss and damage than braces.

2.2m platform height tower£56.40
4.2m platform height tower£91.60
6.2m platform height tower£126.80
8.2m platform height tower£162.00

Boss Zone 1 (GRP) Tower



This system provides indoor and outdoor access where a non-conductive platform is required.

The non-conductive, non-sparking, non-corroding and non-oxidising components make this ideal for maintenance and installation work in areas of high voltage or sensitive areas such as data centres. Also ideal for work on the railways and underground.

2.2m platform height tower	£74.00
4.2m platform height tower	£120.20
6.2m platform height tower	£166.40
8.2m platform height tower	£212.60

Room-Mate



When carrying out low level projects in a building where a full size tower can block access or be too big to roll through door ways the Room-Mate is the perfect solution.

It is a small lightweight scaffold tower that has all the safety features of the Boss Ladderspan systems but has been scaled down to provide a convenient platform for interior work.

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0.8m platform height£27.50
1.8m platform height£40.70
2.55m platform height£53.90
3.55m platform height£67.10
4.30m platform height£80.30
6.05m platform height£93.50

StairMax



This is the safest portable access solution for staircases and at a super slim 700mm wide it works on both commercial and domestic stairs. It can be built up to a 2.2m platform height (from the lowest stair).

2.2m platform height	. £60.50
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Boss Clima



The most efficient scaffold tower we stock. Why?

The Boss Clima system has twice the number of rung spacing of our standard ladder frame tower. This means the platform can be placed a lot closer to the perfect working height for the job. Workers are in a more comfortable position when carrying out their tasks which increases their work rate and productivity.

Specifications: 250mm easy climb rung spacing Safe working load of 275kg per level to max 950kg.

2.2m platform height tower£52.80	
4.2m platform height tower£85.80	
6.2m platform height tower£118.80	
8.2m platform height tower£151.80	

Bridge Beams



Aluminium beams which link two Boss Modular Access Towers creating an extended working platform and allowing you to work over obstacles. £55.00

PODIUM STEPS

Cantilever Sections



You can convert a double width tower to provide access outside the tower handrail making it ideal for accessing those hard to reach areas.

£49.50

High Clearance Frames



Working over a doorway? Can't block a fire exit? Working over desks?

Add these frames to your tower system and overcome these challenges!
£33.00 a pair

Please note:

These can only be used with a maximum platform height of 3.2m.

Staging Boards



Offering stability and rigidity over a wider working space the Youngman Board is efficient, user friendly and safe.

All lengths (2.5m-6.0m)£2200 Handrail system (each side) .. £27.50

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Please place your order before 16:00 today in order to qualify for next working day delivery.

These handy mobile, and often adjustable, podium steps have become the preferred way to reach more difficult heights. As most of these podium steps can be set up in under 15 seconds, they can be a time saver as well. Projects will be completed with more ease and in a more timely fashion.

If you want a podium and we don't stock it here, tell one of our hire coordinators about it. We are always looking for innovative new podium steps to add to our fleet. Just look at our growing range below.

Getting Started

- **1. Select the size**Between 0.5m 2.45m Platform Height
- 2. Assess any Width or Length Restrictions
- 3. Pick your required extras

Podium Tags, Security Chain Lock, Baseplates, Extension Unit (for Microfold only). See page 23 for more items.

Low Level Platform



Specifications

Description: GRP Hop Up Platform Height: 0.51 m Platform Size: 600 x 600mm

Hire Rate£13.20

Delta Deck



Specifications

Description: Delta Deck
Platform Heights: 0.45m, 0.53m,
0.6m, 0.73m, 0.87m
Working Heights: 2.45m, 2.53m, 2.6m,
2.73m, 2.87m
Folded Dimensions: 310mm x
1120mm x 730mm (H x L x W)
Weight: 26.5kg (approx.)

Adjusta Minit Podiums



Specifications

Description: Adjusta Minit Platform Heights: 0.4m 0.8m 1m 1.25m

Dimensions: 1960x730 (LxW)

Weight: 35kg

Hire Rate£23.20

Mark I Podium



Specifications

Description: Interlink Mark I Platform Heights: 0.4m 0.8m 1m

Dimensions: 1990x680 (LxW)

Weight: 22kg

Microfold 1000



Specifications

Description: Microfold 1000 Platform Heights: 0.25m 0.5m 0.75m 1m

Dimensions: 1990x680 (LxW)

Weight: 22kg

Hire Rate£33.00 Extension pack to 1.5m £5.50

Mark II Podium Step



Specifications

Description: 1.6m XL Podium Platform Heights: 1.6m max Dimensions: 1960x700 (LxW)

Weight: 30kg

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Mark III Podium Step



Specifications

Description: 1.9m XL Platform Heights: 1.9m max Dimensions: 1960x900 (LxW)

Razor Deck



Specifications

Description: Ugo Razor Deck 200 Platform Heights: 0.55m 1m & 2m Dimensions: 1711x770 (LxW)

Weight: 82kg

Hire Rate£55.00

Desk Surfer



For internal use only, the Desk Surfer offers the perfect solution when working over a fixed desk. Available in two new models.

Specifications

Description: Desk Surfer 42UM (Upright Mast)

Platform Height: 0.875m - 2.240m Working Height: 2.875m - 4.240m Dimensions: 650mm x 1350mm

Closed Height: 1912mm Safe Working Load: 150kg

Hire Rate£291.50

Description: Desk Surfer 42FM (Folding Mast)

Platform Height: 0.955m - 2.320m Working Height: 2.955m - 4.320m Dimensions: 650mm x 1350mm Closed Height: 1912mm

Safe Working Load: 150kg

Hire Rate£291.50

LADDER HIRE

Teleguard Steps



Specifications

Description: 4-6 Rung Small TG Platform Heights: 1.1m to 1.6m max Platform Size: 610x444 (LxW) Closed Height: 2.4m

Hire Rate £30.80



Description: 7-9 Rung Large TG Platform Heights: 1.9m to 2.45m max Platform Size: 610x444 (LxW) Closed Height: 3.25m

Hire Rate£38.50

GRP Podium Steps



For use in sensitive electrical areas such as data centres, telephone exchanges & railways.

- Certified to FN131
- Wheels at rear
- 400mm x 600mm platform
- Available in 2 sizes.

Specifications

Description: 1.0m GRP Podium Platform Heights: 2m Platform Height: 1m Closed Height: 2.2m

Hire Rate£33.00

Description: 1.2m GRP Podium Platform Heights: 2.2m Platform Height: 1.2m Closed Height: 2.5m

Hire Rate£33.00

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In many circumstances, a ladder can be the quickest, easiest and least expensive way to complete your project. Whether you are working on a small staircase, in a Zone 1 environment or just on flat ground, our range of ladders will ensure that you are provided with the best option available for the task at hand.

Getting Started

- **1. Select the working height**Up to a maximum of 9.34m
- 2. Select your ladder type
- **3. Pick your required extras**Ladder Tags, Security Chain Lock. See page 23 for more items.

Combination Ladders



The new and improved compact three section aluminium combination ladder is available in 2 sizes. It combines an innovative multifunction design with lightweight strength and durability.

- Tested & certified to EN131
- Quick & easy to change to each work mode
- Stabiliser and closing straps for extra safety



Specifications

Description: 2.5m Combi Ladder Stepladder: 2.849m WH Extending stepladder: 4.226m WH Stairway ladder: 3.676m WH Extension ladder: 5.582m WH

Description: 3.0m Combi Ladder Stepladder: 3.398m WH Extending stepladder: 5.322m WH Stairway ladder: 4.222m WH Extension ladder: 7.221m WH

Hire Rate£27.50

T200 Extension Ladders



Extension ladders combine rugged strength and durability with unrivalled sturdiness and rigidity along with extra large slip resistant feet to provide additional safety.

Specifications

Description: T200 Ext Ladder
Height: 9.34m max
Sections: One, Two or Three
Hire Rate£38.50

Roof Ladders



Available in three sizes, these are a must have if you need to work on the roof. All sizes are the same price.

Specifications

Heights: 4.9m, 5.9m & 6.9m Hire Rate£38.50

Builders Steps



Specifications

Description: Aluminium Step Ladder Sizes: 4 available (6-12 tread) Heights: 3.89m max reach

Hire Rate£13.20



Description: GRP Step Ladder Sizes: 4 available (6-12 tread) Heights: 3.9m max reach Hire Rate£15.40

Description: GRP Platform Steps

Sizes: 2 available (5-6 tread) Heights: 3.26m max reach

Hire Rate£15.40

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As I'm sure you all know, when on site it's always better to be prepared for all eventualities. Our growing range of site accessories is a sure solution for your major on site requirements. From the small but powerful Strongboy to the mighty Site Storage Chest, we at Lakeside-Hire endeavour to cover all avenues regarding necessary site accessories.

If there is something that you need, but can't see in our Product Guide, do not be discouraged! Simply call one of our expert Hire Coordinators to source the accessory for you, we could have it on your site the very next working day.

Site Boxes



There is nothing more annoying than misplacing tools or worse still having them stolen while you are away from your work area.

Add one of our site boxes to your order and you can rest assured that your equipment will be secure.



Available in three sizes:

Standard (1234 x 700 x 690mm)......£13.20 Large (1828 x 700 x 690mm).....£19.80 Site Chest - **NEW** (1190 x 605 x 1180mm).....£19.80



Acrow Props

Adjustable steel props, available in 5 sizes and specially designed to support a wide range of floors and temporary beams.

All sizes same price.....£4.40

Size	Closed Length	Open Length
0	1m	1.8m
1	1.7m	3.1m
2	1.98m	3.3m
3	2.5m	3.9m
4	3.2m	4.87m

Strongboy Props



A handy attachment that fits onto the Acrow Prop to secure load bearing walls, making your job safe. £6.60

Specialist Storage



If you have chemicals or gas cylinders to store on site you need these solutions to not only keep the items secure but to keep site users safe.

Specialist Site Boxes



Constructed to the same specification as a standard Site Box these boxes comply with regulations regarding the safe storage of chemicals and flammable items. They are colour coded for easy identification.

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 Flame Box
 £22.00

 Chemical Box
 £22.00

Gas Cage



A one piece gas bottle storage cage that keeps all your chemicals and gas cylinders secure and compliant with HSE regulations. Available in two sizes.

Standard (1200 x 1200 x 1800).....£27.50 Slim Line - **NEW**

(900 x 500 x 1800).....£22.00

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Security Fencing



Heras Fence Panels

Temporary Heras fencing panels including ground block and coupler 65.50



Heras Gates - NEW

Gates for pedestrian or vehicle access. Compatible with temporary fencing supplied.





Plastic Crowd Barriers

Steel Crowd Barriers £6.60



Builders Trestles



Adjustable steel builders trestles ideal for supporting scaffold boards.

All sizes same price..... £6.60

Length

0.48-084m
0.78-1.37m
1.06-1.83m

Size

Material Handling

We offer a range of material handling equipment from manual to mechanical. Please speak to your Hire Coordinator for advice on the right equipment for your job.

Genie Lift

The Genie Super Lifts are manually operated units with multiple base, winch and load handling options.

- Compact, portable goes through doorways
- No tools needed for set up
- Extension forks available
- Load capacities of 295kg to 454kg

 Genie Lift.
 £104.50

 Extension Forks
 £22.00

Model	Working Height	Load
SLA 10	3.49m	454kg
SLA 15	4.98m	363kg
SLA 20	6.46m	363kg
SLA 25	7.94m	295kg



Mobile Pipe Rack

The robust and versatile mobile pipe storage solution provides safe and easy on site storage for all types of pipe and conduit.

Hire Rate.....£27.50

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Standard Pallet Truck

Dimensions: 560 x 1100mm (WxL) Safe Working Load: 2.5ton

Hire Rate£38.50

Plaster Board Trolley

Dimensions: 600 x 1250mm (WxL) Safe Working Load: 1.361kg

Hire Rate£27.50

Bumpers



These will protect finished surfaces from bumps and scuffs with the tower.

£0.77 per week

Security Chain Lock



Keep your Ladders safe on site with our security chain combination lock.

Locks



Keep your Gas Cage secure with one of our Draper Padlocks.

Tags



Scaff Tags£8.30Podium Tags£5.50Ladder Tags£5.50

If you have not found the equipment you need in our brochure call us today:

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Guidelines for hiring Powered Access

Are you looking for a Scissor Lift or a Boom Lift?

A Scissor Lift

Are you working:

INTERNALLY

How high (in metres) do you need to stand?

Our platform heights range between 1.6m and 15.3m.

EXTERNALLY

How high (in metres) do you need to stand?

Our platform heights range between 8m and 24.5m.

Are you working: A Boom Lift

How high (in metres) do you INTERNALLY need to stand?

between 9.14m and 18.7m. Our platform heights range

How high (in metres) do you need to stand?

EXTERNALLY

between 13.72m and 41.15m. Our platform heights range



Are there any length or width requirements (i.e. passing through doors etc.)?

How much weight can the Will the ground be level or ground bear? sloping?

If you find that a Rough Terrain machine is best suited for

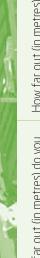
happy to supply you with Tyre your internal job, we would be Covers for only £140.00.

Are there any length or width requirements?

working on be rough or smooth? Will the terrain that you are

Will the ground that you are working on be hard or soft?

working on grass you may want to consider spreader plates for incredible amount! If you are added stability. Available to **These machines weigh an** purchase for only £300.



How far out (in metres) do you need to reach? Between 6.1m and 12.6m available.

(i.e. passing through doors etc.)? requirements for the base unit Are there any length or width

requirements for the base unit?

Are there any length or width

Will the ground be level or sloping? How much weight can the ground bear?

Lanyard? Purchase one here **Need a Harness and** for only £75.

need to reach? Between 7.47m How far out (in metres) do you and 21.26m available. Will the terrain that you are

working on be rough or smooth? Will the ground that you are

working on be hard or soft?

or return' item, this means that a full tank, your fuel surcharge if you return the machine with Please note that fuel is a 'sale will be returned in full.

Call into our office with this information and our Hire Coordinators wil find the perfect machine for you.

Sometimes a scaffold tower just isn't high enough, isn't strong enough or simply can't reach the area in which the task at hand is being carried out. In such a circumstance, we can offer you the Mobile Elevating Work Platform (M.E.W.P.). Available in a wide range of shapes and sizes, call one of our trained powered access hire professionals to help you select the best machine for the job.

Heavy Duty Electric Scissor Lifts



Specifications

Platform Height: 7.7m Width: 760mm Platform Capacity: 250kg max

Platform Height: 9.6m Width: 1.17m

Platform Capacity: 320kg max

Platform Height: 12.1m Width: 1.75m

Platform Capacity: 363kg max

Hire RateP.O.A

Platform Height: 15.3m

Width: 1.2m

Platform Capacity: 500kg max

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Heavy Duty Electric/Bi-Fuel Boom Lifts



Specifications



Platform Height: 12.1m Outreach: 6.8m Width: 1.75m

Platform Height: 13.6m Outreach: 9.6m Width: 1.5m

Platform Height: 18.7m Outreach: 12.6m Width: 2.25m

Platform Capacity: 225kg max



Do you have your own Hired in Plant Insurance? If not, feel free to take out our HireGuard insurance for only 15% of your hire cost.

Heavy Duty Diesel Scissor Lifts



Specifications

Platform Height: 8m Width: 1.7m Platform Capacity: 567kg max Hire Rate

Platform Height: 9.7m Width: 1.7m Platform Capacity: 454kg max

Platform Height: 12.5m Width: 2.2m Platform Capacity: 771kg max Hire RateP.O.A

Platform Height: 15.2m Width: 2.3m Platform Capacity: 681kg max



Diesel charges will be added to the contract under sale or return conditions (also P.O.A.)

Heavy Duty Diesel Boom Lifts



Specifications

Platform Height: 13.7m Outreach: 7.4m Width: 2.08m Platform Capacity: 230kg max

Platform Height: 15.8m Outreach: 9.4m Width: 2.26m

Platform Capacity: 230kg max



Platform Height: 23.7m Outreach: 18.2m Width: 2.49m

Platform Height: 38.3m

Outreach: 12.1m

Platform Capacity: 227kg max

Platform Height: 41.1m Outreach: 21.2m Width: 2.46m

Platform Capacity: 227kg max

Diesel charges will be added to the contract under sale or return conditions (also P.O.A.)

Pop Up Platforms



Specifications

Description: Pop Up Platform Height: 1.6m max Dimensions: 1130 x 700mm (LxW) Safe Working Load: 240kg

Hire Rate £104.50

Description: Pop Up Plus Platform Height: 2.5m max Dimensions: 1200 x 700mm (LxW) Safe Working Load: 240kg

Hire Rate £104.50

Boss X3 Platforms



Specifications

Description: Boss X3 Platform Height: 2.55m max Dimensions: 1210 x 700mm (LxW) Safe Working Load: 240kg

Hire Rate£104.50

Description: Boss X3X Platform Height: 3.2m max Dimensions: 1210 x 700mm (LxW) Safe Working Load: 240kg

Hire Rate£121.00

Power Towers



Specifications

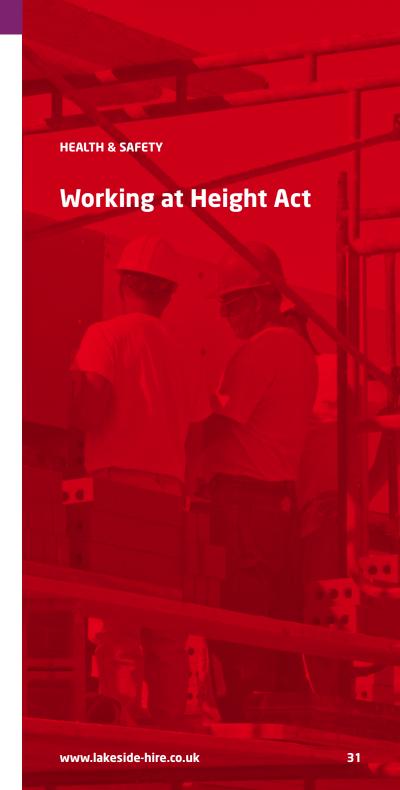
Description: Power Tower Nano Platform Height: 2.5m max Dimensions: 1190x780mm (LxW) Safe Working Load: 200kg

Hire Rate £104.50

Description: Power Tower PTS51 Platform Height: 3.1 m max Dimensions: 1520x780mm (LxW) Safe Working Load: 250kg

Hire Rate £121.00

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Working at Height Act

A key part to the working at height act is to ensure that a competent person regularly inspects the scaffold tower and other equipment involved with the job.

According to the act, the first inspection should be carried out before the scaffold tower is in use to identify any risks before it is put into action. The inspection differs for smaller towers under 2m compared to larger ones.



For smaller towers the equipment must be inspected after assembly, if an incident occurs that may affect the tower's stability, and at regular intervals. No-one expects a new inspection and report every time a mobile scaffold tower is moved around the site but if guard rails or other parts have to be removed then a pre-check should be undertaken by a trained contractor. The work at height act also requires contractors to record each inspection and use a visual tag system.

Larger structures must be inspected after assembly, if an incident occurs that may affect the tower's stability, and at intervals not exceeding a week.

The inspector must complete a report before the end of the working period and provide a copy of the report to the person who requested the scaffold tower inspection within 24 hours.

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The person receiving the report must keep it at hand while the construction work is underway and then store it in an office for at least three months in line with the work at height act.

For more information on the work at height act and a DVD entitled; Don't Fall For It! (giving advice on current best practice for assembling, dismantling and altering mobile scaffold towers, approved and recommended by PASMA in co-operation with the HSE) can be obtained from PASMA. Call 0845 2304041 or visit pasma.co.uk.

For more information on the HSE visit www.hse.gov.uk or ring HSE's Infoline on 0845 345 0055.

Working at Height Legislation

So what does the working at height legislation actually involve? Once it has been established that it is necessary to work at height, the next stage is to select the right equipment for the job.

There are plenty of different kinds of scaffold tower but remember, wherever you get your equipment from, according to legislation, the supplier has a duty to give you a comprehensive instruction manual on how to put the tower together accurately.

The tower's strength comes from being assembled correctly and if just one piece is missing it may cause it to collapse. The lightweight aluminium towers could also easily overturn if they are not used according to the manual.

Working at height legislation covers all aspects of assembling a scaffold tower including general safety features. Before you start you need to establish that the ground is level and firm and that the locked castors or base plates are properly supported. Using bricks or building blocks to support the tower is extremely dangerous and could spell disaster for contractors working on and around the tower.

Make sure you check the tower's safe working height referred to in the manual and adhere to it. If the guide advises you to install stabilisers or outriggers, follow the instruction book.

There are two approved methods to assemble the tower in line with legislation recommended by PASMA and the Health and Safety Executive; the advance guard rail system and the through-the-trap system.

The advance guard rail system involves a specially designed temporary guard rail unit which can be secured in place from the level below. The user can then move it up to platform level.

The temporary rails offer protection from falls before the user accesses the platform eliminating the risk of falling from an unguarded area.

The through-the-trap method allows the user to be positioned at minimum risk while installing the guard rails for the higher platform. It means the user can work from the trap door to continue adding and removing safety features without putting themselves at risk.

Working at height will always be a dangerous occupation and the stability of a scaffold tower can be affected at the slightest activity including strong winds, being overloaded with heavy equipment, hoisting materials or rubbish chutes.

Legislation also states that you should always use the appropriate method to climb the scaffold tower which is usually a purpose built ladder on the inside of the tower. Never use a tower to support ladders, trestles or other equipment, in bad weather, if it has broken of missing parts, if you have incompatible components or when you or someone else is moving the tower.

Other simple safety measures recommended in the legislation include checking that there are no power lines overhead and never use a powered vehicle to manoeuvre the tower.

A contractor using a scaffold tower also has a duty to protect the public. In public places, a contractor must put up barriers at ground level to stop people from walking into the work area, avoid storing materials and equipment on the work platform where possible, and prevent unauthorised access via the ladders if the area is left unattended.

Legislation must also be observed when dismantling the tower. Using the advance guard rail method, the user should begin at the top and put in the advance guard rail unit before removing the permanent guard rails and toe boards.

The through-the-trap method involves dismantling the scaffold tower starting at the top and working downwards. The user should release the guard rail hooks furthest from the trap and then remove the guard rail components while working through the trap.

Whilst all this can be challenging to remember, Lakeside-Hire are here to help with relevant advice when you need it...it's part of our promise to make you smile!

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