

SAEMA User Training makes it far easier for at-height workers to stay safe

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SAEMA User Training is set to advance safety for at-height workers in the construction sector by making it far easier and more convenient for them to access the training they need and gain the necessary certification.

The SAEMA Suspended Access Systems Operative Training Course will standardise delivery across all members. Part 1 is a theory test that can be taken remotely, at a time and place to suit the user.

The need for greater convenience and accessibility

Construction workers who use temporary or permanent suspended access systems need to be able to prove that they can work safely and competently on site by having gone through accredited training and achieved the required standard of expertise.

Previously, this meant their employers had to take them off site to attend a classroom course, which was both time consuming and expensive. Now, with the launch of SAEMA User Training, they can be trained and assessed on the background knowledge of suspended access equipment anywhere that has an

internet connection. They simply use their computer or device to log on to [SAEMA's training website](#) securely.

Part 1 is the theory test course, which gives users two opportunities to achieve the required results. He or she must pass the theory test before they are certified to move to Part 2 – the practical on-site training, which has a standardised syllabus.

How the training and certification process works

The system is extremely easy to use. Part 1 includes an introduction followed by eight sections for the user to complete. There are a number of short videos to watch with a series of multiple choice questions on key learning points from these videos. After each section is completed, the answers are saved so that users can come back and complete the other sections later if they wish.

Upon passing Part 1 of the test, a certificate is sent to the user as proof of their accreditation. A copy can also be sent to the employer. The user is then also issued with a virtual card which is stored on their smartphone and can be checked by Duty Holders in real time when users arrive on site for Part 2 User Training.

Following successful Part 2 On Site training the virtual card will be endorsed with the site details which can also be checked in real time by Duty Holders to ensure that users are trained properly in the use the systems on site.

Tony Seddon, Managing Director of SAEMA, commented: “We are excited to be launching SAEMA User Training as it is going to make a real and noticeable difference to those who work at height in construction, making life as easy as possible for users.

“Falls from height are steadily declining and it is our aim to see this continue with the ultimate aim of eradicating accidents in the workplace altogether. However, for now they remain one of the biggest causes of workplace fatalities and major injuries.

“Training is vital if you work at height. You must be able to do your job competently, without putting yourself or others at risk. SAEMA User Training has been created to enable that to happen more easily. It shouldn't be a burden to become fully trained and certified in at-height working. SAEMA User Training is the next evolution in our commitment to advancing safety through raising the standards in best practice.”

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