

Why Choosing a SAEMA Member is the Smart Choice for Suspended Access Projects

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When principal contractors are responsible for delivering complex construction or refurbishment projects, ensuring the safety and reliability of suspended access systems is critical.

Whether for façade maintenance, window cleaning or inspection work, suspended access equipment plays an essential role in enabling safe working at height on modern buildings. But with that comes significant responsibility for duty holders and contractors to ensure the systems are designed, installed and maintained to the highest safety standards.

One effective way to reduce risk and simplify procurement is to work with a contractor that is a member of the [SAEMA](#).

Proven competence and compliance

SAEMA is the trade association for the UK suspended access industry, representing companies that design, install, maintain and operate both temporary and permanent suspended access systems.

Membership is not automatic. Companies must meet strict entry criteria and demonstrate that they operate to recognised industry standards. Members are also required to follow established codes of practice that promote safe installation, operation and maintenance of suspended access equipment.

For principal contractors and duty holders, this provides an important layer of assurance.

Choosing a SAEMA member means working with a contractor that has already demonstrated its commitment to safety, competence and compliance with industry best practice.

Reducing risk on site

Working at height remains one of the most significant risks in the construction and facilities management sectors. Poorly designed or maintained access systems can introduce serious hazards for those operating them, as well as for the buildings they serve.

By appointing a SAEMA member company, principal contractors can help ensure that suspended access equipment is specified and installed correctly from the outset, and that ongoing inspection and maintenance is carried out by competent specialists.

This helps minimise risk, maintain compliance with relevant safety regulations and ensure systems remain reliable throughout their operational life.

Simplifying due diligence

Principal contractors often face the challenge of verifying the competence and compliance of specialist suppliers across multiple disciplines.

Selecting a SAEMA member simplifies this process.

The association's membership requirements and codes of practice provide confidence that companies operating within the network are committed to maintaining high standards across the industry.

In effect, the due diligence has already been carried out.

Supporting quality across the industry

Beyond compliance, working with SAEMA members also helps ensure consistent quality across suspended access projects.

Experienced specialists understand the technical complexities of façade access systems and the importance of protecting the long-term integrity of the installations they deliver. From design through to maintenance, their expertise helps ensure that systems continue to operate safely and efficiently throughout the life of the building.

For principal contractors, the message is straightforward: when specifying suspended access systems, choosing a SAEMA member is one of the simplest ways to secure confidence in safety, competence and quality. To learn more about the association and find a member company, visit the SAEMA website.