

# Do You Use Suspended Access Systems on Your Buildings? Here's Why Your Supply Chain Should Include SAEMA Members

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Modern buildings increasingly rely on suspended access systems for inspection, maintenance, cleaning and repair. From high-rise office blocks and residential towers to hospitals, universities and commercial developments, these systems provide essential access to areas that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to reach safely.

But when work is taking place dozens of metres above the ground, competence and safety are not optional extras. They are fundamental requirements.

For facilities managers, building owners and property professionals, one of the simplest ways to reduce risk is to specify contractors and suppliers who are members of [SAEMA](#), the specialist trade association for the suspended access industry.

## Why membership matters

Suspended access systems are highly specialised. Their design, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation require expert technical knowledge and a thorough understanding of relevant standards, legislation and best practice.

SAEMA members demonstrate a commitment to maintaining those standards. Membership brings together organisations operating across the suspended access sector and provides assurance that they are actively engaged with industry best practice and ongoing professional development.

When appointing suppliers, facilities managers need confidence that contractors understand not only the equipment itself, but also the wider safety, inspection and maintenance requirements that help protect both workers and building occupants.

#### Reducing risk through expertise

Building maintenance increasingly involves complex façades, challenging access requirements and heightened scrutiny around safety and compliance.

Working with SAEMA members helps organisations access specialist expertise developed through collaboration across the industry. Members contribute to the development of technical guidance, share knowledge and work collectively to improve standards throughout the sector.

This collaborative approach helps ensure that emerging challenges, new technologies and evolving regulations are addressed consistently and effectively.

#### Supporting compliance and best practice

Facilities managers carry significant responsibilities when it comes to ensuring that access systems are properly maintained and safe for use.

SAEMA provides technical guidance, industry support and specialist knowledge that help members stay aligned with current standards and regulatory expectations. This benefits not only member organisations but also the clients who rely on their expertise.

By engaging contractors who are actively involved with SAEMA, duty holders can demonstrate a commitment to sourcing competent suppliers and following recognised industry best practice.

#### More than an association

SAEMA's role extends beyond representing the industry. The association acts as a focal point for technical excellence, helping to develop guidance, support training initiatives and promote safer working practices across the suspended access sector.

For facilities managers, that means access to a network of organisations that are invested in raising standards and improving safety outcomes across the built environment.

#### A simple procurement decision with significant benefits

When procuring suspended access services, cost will always be a consideration. However, the true value lies in selecting suppliers with the competence, expertise and industry engagement needed to deliver safe and reliable outcomes.

Choosing a SAEMA member helps provide that confidence.

If your buildings rely on suspended access systems, specifying SAEMA members within your supply chain is a practical step towards reducing risk, supporting compliance and ensuring work is carried out to the highest professional standards.