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**News release**

**Construction industry demands SEIRS-trained installers**

Over 3000 individual installers have been trained in storage equipment safety knowledge and skills to SEIRS standards since the scheme was set up in the year 2000. In 2012, lead industry body SEMA who runs the courses is experiencing unprecedented demand, especially for the Storage Equipment Installers Basic Skills Course. Now to meet construction industry legislation, anyone installing storage equipment needs a SEIRS card in order to renew their CSCS status.



A typical SEIRS ID Card identifies an installer's skill level, valid period of use and can be easily carried in the wallet or displayed in a lapel plastic holder.

SEMA has already had to lay on another eight of this most popular course which is aimed at those with less than six months' experience of the industry.

The day course which costs £210 per person is largely classroom based but includes a 'Rack Climb' under supervision and some rack erection. Each trainee also has to give a short 'Tool Box Talk' site briefing. Successful candidates receive a certificate of attendance, course notes and three years' registration on the SEIRS database.

Some 17 basic skills courses are already scheduled at specialist training facilities in Walsall in the West Midlands and more may still be required.

Trainees can go on to attend the Advanced Installers Course and, following their three year registration period, are eligible for the Refresher Course which updates them on recent codes of practice and legislation.

The SEIRS scheme is progressive and there are three other courses: supervisor, manager and mezzanine.

SEMA president John Halliday said: 'SEIRS is a best practice example of the industry regulating itself to meet HSE standards. The construction industry's adoption of SEIRS and subsequent non-negotiable requirement for our trained installers means that through SEMA, we are delivering a safer working environment for installers and end-user employees.'

Visit [www.seirs.org.uk](http://www.seirs.org.uk) or telephone 0121 601 6350 for dates or further information.

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**Notes to editors:** SEMA is the British Trade Association of the Storage Equipment Industry. It is committed to promoting and extending the safe design, installation and use of storage equipment manufactured and supplied by its members.