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COURSE TYPE	OPEN TO PUBLIC
LOCATION	SUTTON COLDFIELD
DATES	6, 7, 8, 13 & 14 DECEMBER 2016
PRICE	£999.00, PLUS VAT, PER DELEGATE.



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editorswelcome

Dave Carr Managing Director, Callsafe Services

Hello, and welcome to the Spetember edition of CALLSAFE TODAY.

We are still seeking any suggestions for improvement to on the content and format of CALLSAFE TODAY.

If you have any particular subject, related to health and safety please, that you would like further information and/or our opinions on, we would be delighted to provide these in

future editions, or privately, if required.

Please let us know of any suggestions and/or requests by sending them to us via enquiries@callsafe-services.co.uk.

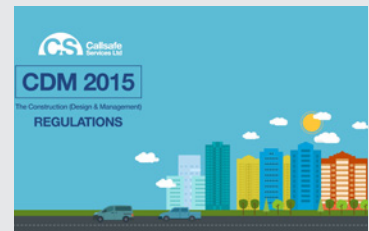
I had the unwelcome reminder this week that Christmas will soon be upon us. Where did 2016 go, it will soon be time for the Christmas edition!



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CALLSAFE SERVICES LIMITED HAVE RECENTLY ACHIEVED ACCREDITATION OF OUR ASBESTOS AWARENESS COURSE FROM UKATA.



We currently are not planning to present this course as a public course, but offer it as an in-house course to those that need it.

This course satisfies the requirements for training of those who may come into contact with asbestos containing materials as part of their jobs, such as electricians, plumbers, decorators, etc; but does not qualify persons to work on asbestos containing materials.

This satisfies the requirements for asbestos awareness training; as stated in the HSE document, L143 Managing and working with asbestos - ACoP & Guidance (Second edition).

The course is also suitable for Principal Designers and Designers as part of their continuing professional development (CPD), enhancing their knowledge about asbestos and where it can be found.

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NEW COURSE: MANAGING SAFELY IN CONSTRUCTION

Managing Safely in Construction is a five-day course accredited by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH).

IOSH is the only Chartered body for health and safety professionals in the world. It was founded in 1945 and was registered as a charity in 1962, and in 2002 IOSH was awarded a Royal Charter.

As the largest health and safety membership organisation in the world, IOSH has more than 44,000 individual members in over 100 countries.

IOSH is committed to creating:
***“A world of work which is safe,
healthy and sustainable”.***

One of IOSH's main aims is to maintain high standards throughout the profession and raise health and safety standards in a range of organisations through IOSH training courses. IOSH is one of the world's leaders in health and safety training – more than 160,000 people attend IOSH courses every year.

Callsafe Services Limited are a health and safety

consultancy, primarily working for the construction and facilities management sectors, providing health and safety support, consultancy and training to client, designer and contractor organisations since 1986.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

The aim of the course is to give managers the knowledge and skills necessary to enable them to recognise the hazards likely to be present in the construction industry and the actions needed to control and manage them.

COURSE OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, delegates should be able to:

- appreciate why it is important to manage safely in construction
- describe their health and safety responsibilities as a manager in the construction industry
- define what is meant by 'risk'
- appreciate the role of risk assessment in managing safely
- describe the risk assessment process
- identify appropriate risk control methods
- outline the legal system as it applies to



health and safety

- outline the key requirements of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015
- appreciate the role and importance of a health and safety management system
- recognise common hazards
- identify ways to manage common hazards
- appreciate how accidents and incidents happen
- recognise the value of accident and incident investigation
- describe how to carry out an accident investigation appreciate the importance of performance measurement
- identify ways to measure health and safety performance
- appreciate the role of auditing
- recognise the impact of the construction industry on the environment
- describe how pollution and waste can be controlled
- outline the main elements of an environmental management system.

COURSE CONTENT

The Course is divided into seven modules, with practical exercises included throughout, as follows:

1 Introducing Managing Safely in Construction

Reasons for management of health and safety, Costs of accidents, Barriers to improving health and safety standards, safety management systems.

2 Health and Safety Law and CDM 2015

Construction injury safety record, safety management systems, safety culture. Health and safety law, key legal phrases, enforcement and corporate manslaughter. CDM 2015 and management of contractors.

3 Assessing and Controlling Risks in Construction

The requirement for risk assessment, key definitions, risk assessment process – Five Steps to Risk Assessment and the competence of the risk

assessor.

4 Identifying Hazards and Controls in Construction

Part 1 Site Set-up Site safety signage, demolition, asbestos, fire safety in construction, welfare on site, solar radiation and first aid.

Part 2 Groundworks Underground services, safety in excavations, confined spaces and contaminated land.

Part 3 Structural Work Work at height, lifting operations, overhead services and scaffolding.

Part 4 Site Equipment: Site vehicles, fuel storage, plant and equipment.

Part 5 Fitting Out Electricity, lighting, slips, trips, movement of people and hazardous substances.

Part 6 Human Issues: Manual handling, aggression and bullying, drugs and alcohol, personal hygiene, stress and computers.

5 Investigating Accidents and Incidents

Why investigate accidents, etc, definitions of key terms, near misses and the accident triangle, accident reporting and accident investigation.

6 Measuring, Auditing and Reviewing Performance

Audits, review and taking action.

7 Protecting the Environment

What the law says, environmental management systems and controlling environmental impacts.

EXAMINATION: Candidates will complete an examination during the course to confirm knowledge transfer.

POST-COURSE PROJECT: Candidates will complete a project risk assessment within two weeks of the course completion and submit it for marking.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DELEGATES 16



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CDM 2015 & BIM

THE BENEFITS OF INCORPORATING

HEALTH AND SAFETY INTO BIM

IDENTIFY AND REDUCE RISKS
EARLIER IN THE DESIGN PROCESS

ISSUES/CLASHES IDENTIFIED
BEFORE WE GET ONTO SITE

EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF
DESIGN INTERFACES

CLARITY OF DESIGN, RISKS AND
BUILD REQUIREMENTS

PROVIDE PRE-CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN
INFORMATION MORE EFFICIENTLY

VISUALISATION OF PHYSICAL LAYOUTS
AND SPACES FOR USE & MAINTENANCE

**REMOVE
RISK AND
HAZARD
IN DESIGN**

**1 DAY
COURSES
AVAILABLE
SOON**

SAFER SITES TARGETED INSPECTIONS COMING TO A STREET NEAR YOU

HSE construction inspectors will be carrying out unannounced visits to sites where refurbishment projects or repair works are underway.

This year the Initiative is being undertaken as a series of two week inspections across the country, beginning 3 October 2016 ending 4 November 2016. During this period, inspectors will ensure high-risk activities, particularly those affecting the health of workers, are being properly managed.

These include

- risks to health from exposure to dust such as silica are being controlled
- workers are aware of where they may find asbestos, and what to do if they find it
- other health risks, such as exposure to noise and vibration, manual handling and hazardous substances are being properly managed
- jobs that involve working at height have been identified and properly planned to ensure that

appropriate precautions, such as proper support of structures, are in place

- equipment is correctly installed / assembled, inspected and maintained and used properly
- sites are well organised, to avoid trips and falls, walkways and stairs are free from obstructions and welfare facilities are adequate

Where serious breaches of legislation are found then immediate enforcement action will be taken, but inspectors will also be taking steps to secure a positive change in behaviour to ensure on-going compliance.

Health and safety breaches with clients and designers will also be followed up to reinforce their duties under CDM 2015 and to ensure that all dutyholders with on-site health and safety responsibilities understand and fulfil these. Follow the SaferSites Facebook page to see what inspectors find on site and keep updated throughout the initiative.



APS CDM2015 AWARENESS

25 OCT 2016 **CDMA161025** STAFFORDSHIRE £300.00

APS MANAGEMENT OF PRE-CONSTRUCTION HEALTH AND SAFETY

15 - 17 NOV 2016 **MPHS161115** STAFFORDSHIRE £810.00

APS CDM2015 AWARENESS

24 NOV 2016 **CDMA161124** LONDON £310.00

CDM2015 FOR FACILITIES MANAGERS

29 NOV 2016 **CDMF161129** LONDON £300.00

APS DESIGN RISK MANAGEMENT AND CDM2015 FOR DESIGNERS

6 & 7 DEC 2016 **ADRM161206** LONDON £630.00

APS MANAGEMENT OF PRE-CONSTRUCTION HEALTH AND SAFETY

13 - 15 DEC 2016 **MPHS161213** LONDON £840.00

IOSH MANAGING SAFELY IN CONSTRUCTION

6-8, 13-14 DEC 2016 **MSC161206** SUTTON COLDFIELD £999.00

TRAINING & EVENTS

CALLSAFE PUBLIC COURSES

We have programmed a number of public courses as follows. The detailed programme of courses is shown on the previous page.

MANAGEMENT OF PRE-CONSTRUCTION HEALTH AND SAFETY 3 DAY COURSE

This APS accredited course is aimed at those persons who will be performing the duties of the Principal Designer on behalf of their employer, who has been appointed to this role by the Client.

It provides knowledge on the requirements, methods that could be used to achieve these requirements and the personal qualities necessary. The course also provides for the additional services that could be offered by the Principal Designer, or as a separate commission, for advising and assisting the Client with the Client's duties.

DESIGN RISK MANAGEMENT AND CDM2015 FOR DESIGNERS 2 DAY COURSE

This APS accredited course is aimed at Designers and Design Risk Managers, providing a full understanding of the Designers' duties under CDM2015 and the options that are available for achieving these obligations.

The course could also be suitable for Principal Designers if they are experienced in the design requirements of CDM2007. Discussions and debates are encouraged throughout this course.

CDM2015 AWARENESS 1 DAY COURSE

This APS accredited course is designed to provide all persons involved in construction projects, including current and potential clients, project managers, principal designers, designers, principal contractors and contractors with a broad overview on the CDM Regulations 2015.

CDM2015 FOR FACILITIES MANAGERS 1 DAY COURSE

This non-accredited course is designed to provide Facilities Managers, and designers and contractors working for Facilities Managers, with an understanding of their duties under the CDM Regulations 2015. Larger fit-out and refurbishment projects will be discussed as well as planned maintenance and reactive repair activities.

MANAGING SAFELY IN CONSTRUCTION 5 DAY COURSE

This IOSH accredited course has been developed to provide managers, designers, etc. the knowledge and skills necessary to enable them to recognise the hazards likely to be present in the construction industry and the actions needed to control and manage them.



The course is suitable for Principal Designers, Designers, Project Managers, Facilities Managers and Managers of any construction-related organisation.

Further details of these, and other, courses can be found on our website: www.callsafe-services.co.uk, or by contacting Gemma Esprey at: gemma.esprey@callsafe-services.co.uk or by phone on: 01889 577701

IN-HOUSE COURSES

The above public courses, and many other CDM and other health and safety courses are offered as 'in-house' courses, where the trainer presents the course at a venue provided by the delegates' employer, and are priced at a daily rate.

Details of all courses offered can be found at: www.callsafe-services.co.uk, most of which can be customised to a particular customer's needs.

RESIDENT PRINCIPAL DESIGNERS FORUM

IPSWICH BARRIER 20TH SEPTEMBER 2016

My name is Anthony Evans and I am employed by Callsafe Services Ltd based in Rugeley as a panel Principal Designer, and seconded via CH2M to the Environment Agency (EA). Based in Reading, I cover the Thames Valley and also the South West (Devon & Cornwall).

On behalf of David Rimmer, who is the Resident Principal Designer for the South West, based in Exeter, I attended the Resident Principal Designers Forum at the Ipswich Barrier VBA compound.

After a long but uneventful drive the previous night, I met Duncan Cooper who is the Resident Principal Designer for the Thames

Valley region and Brian Smith who is the Resident Principal Designer covering the Anglian region and more specifically the project for where the forum was to be held.

After a well-earned refreshment I retired to my hotel room to report on my day's proceedings to my wife. She's fascinated with my work with Callsafe and the EA. An aspiring Principal Designer!

In the evening the other Resident Principal Designers arrived from various locations and we settled down to a meal with a combination of work related talk and of course the odd bit of out of work conversation. It was the first time I had met some of my other colleagues and



what a great knowledgeable bunch they are!

The next morning we all travelled the short distance to the Ipswich Barrier compound in anticipation of the forum starting at 9am. We were joined by senior members of the Environment Agency as well other Resident Principal Designers who travelled on the day. The offices and meeting rooms are very well appointed and makes for a pleasant location to hold the forum, as well as the opportunity to visit a major project for the EA.

After a brief panic on where the delivery of the breakfast sandwiches had got to we started the forum, chaired by Duncan Cooper. The agenda for our discussion briefly entailed: -

- The obligatory previous minutes and actions
- SHE CoP update (Safety Health and Environmental Code of Practice) & RAG list (Red, Amber and Green) which is a hierarchy of risk control for designers on what to eliminate/avoid and what to encourage
- H&T, FBG & MEICA discussion
- X63 & CDM approval process and Principal Designer APS membership status update
- SCI's and Card Hearings
- Field Services Update
- Lunch – a good array of sandwiches that were much appreciated



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The forum is a great opportunity for the Resident Principal Designers to discuss current challenges and trends within our areas of work and also on how best we can service our client. It is also a good time to bring forward thoughts on how we can continually strive to make sure the EA is at the forefront of CDM good practice and to continually strive to improve on the ultimate objective of safety in design, a safe construction site and successful delivery to the client.

Next on the agenda was an introduction and update from Andrew Osborne who is the EA Project Manager for the scheme, followed by a site induction. Time to visit the site of works on this major project.

The Environment Agency appointed VolkerStevin, Boskalis Westminster and Atkins joint venture to build and install the tidal barrier.

The Ipswich Tidal Barrier is £58m flood protection scheme for Ipswich. Work started on this section of the flood defences in 2013. The tidal barrier gate will be 20 metres wide and will be put in place across the New Cut (the main waterway), accompanied by new and refurbished sheet piling – steel walls

driven into the riverbed. It will operate in a similar way to the Thames Barrier – although it will of course be considerably smaller and will rise during periods of extreme high tides to hold back the North Sea and with the help of sheet piling, keep Ipswich dry. It will finish a major flood protection scheme that is seen vital to protect the Waterfront area of Ipswich and other low-lying areas of the town centre.

When finished, the works will reduce the risk of flooding to 1,608 homes, 422 businesses and support key infrastructure such as the fire station and council buildings.

On a dry warm day, we commenced our site visit, firstly taking a look at where the cofferdam has been installed to aid in works preparation for the tidal barrier. An impressive structure in itself. Next we were onto view a very large and deep newly constructed concrete encased hole that runs down and under the entrance to the wet dock and out to the other side. This was a necessary construction to enable the diversion of a major power cable that supplies energy to the port of Felixstowe, 15 miles away.

My visit to Ipswich was now at a conclusion. All in all, a very worthwhile and engaging visit. Thanks to the Ipswich team for hosting us.



COMPANY DIRECTOR JAILED FOLLOWING WORKER'S DEATH

A company director has been jailed for 12-months following the death of one of his workers.

Father-of-three Paul Williamson, who was 51 years old, died on 29 January 2014 when a remote controlled Mobile Elevated Working Platform (MEWP) he was loading onto a truck fell from the ramps and crushed him.

Manchester Crown Court heard how Paul Williamson had not been adequately trained on the use of the ramps, the lorry and the MEWP. There was no risk assessment in place and no safe system of work had been created for the equipment, which had only been in operation for eight days.

The gradient of the ramps were above the manufacturer's specification and they were not secured to the lorry. As the MEWP, a Spider 1800, was loaded onto the truck it toppled off the ramps on to Paul Williamson. Company director Kenneth Thelwall, was charged under section 37 of the Health and Safety at Work Act, sentenced to 12-months in prison and ordered to pay costs of £4,000. He was also disqualified from being a company director for seven years.

Thorn Warehousing Ltd was charged under Section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work Act was fined £166,000 and ordered to pay £10,400 costs. The company is currently in administration.

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Inspector, Helen Jones said: "Kenneth Thelwall failed in his duty as a director to protect his workers. He was involved in the day-to-day running of Thorn Warehousing Ltd and should have ensured the company provided Paul

Williamson with the right equipment and training to carry out his job. Had he done so Mr Williamson would still be alive today. "This case should act as a stark warning to all company directors of their personal responsibility to protect their workers' health and safety and the tragic consequences when they fail."

CONSERVATORY ROOF MANUFACTURER FINED AFTER WORKER'S FALL

A conservatory roof manufacturer and installer has appeared in court after a worker suffered serious injuries in a fall from a conservatory roof.

The 59 year old worker from Bolton suffered a fractured skull which resulted in a bleed on his brain and a shattered eye socket in the incident which occurred at a property in Newton Le Willows in June 2015.

The incident was investigated by the HSE, which prosecuted Phil Coppell Ltd for serious safety failings and failing to report a previous incident in 2013 when the same employee fell off a roof and lost consciousness, and another employee suffered multiple broken ribs in a fall through a skylight.

Manchester and Salford Magistrates Court heard that two workers had been carrying out repair work on the roof of the conservatory. Whilst working alone on the roof the employee lost his footing and fell approximately 2.5 metres onto a patio area below.

There were no preventative measures in place to prevent the risk of a fall from height. An Improvement Notice was served by HSE during the investigation and the company subsequently developed a barrier for use as edge protection.

Phil Coppell Ltd pleaded guilty to a breach of Regulation 6(3) of the Work at Height Regulations 2005 and breaches of Regulation 3(1) of the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995, and Regulation 4(1) of the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013, and was fined £40,280 and ordered to pay costs of £1,464.70

Speaking after the hearing HSE inspector Christine McGlynn said: "This incident could have been avoided if the company had learnt lessons from two previous similar incidents in 2013. The risks of working from height are well known and there is plenty of guidance available.

"Employees of this company were exposed to the risks of falls over a prolonged period of time. Generally work of this nature is at the rear of premises and is not visible or easy to monitor, however this prosecution should highlight, in particular to other companies who carry out work on conservatory roofs, that they should have in place control measures to prevent the risk of falls"

ENGINEERING FIRM FINED AFTER WORKER SUFFERS SEVERE LEG INJURIES

A company based in Milton Keynes has been fined for safety failings after a worker suffered serious injuries to his leg.

Aylesbury Crown Court heard how workers at GEA Mechanical Engineering Limited (GEA) were attempting to lift a 900kg decanter scroll back into its mobile trailer, following a service in the workshop. Struggling to manoeuvre it far enough into the trailer, they asked an employee from the office staff to assist them.

Ralph Jago, aged 47, a technical support

supervisor, went to their aid but during an attempt to lift the decanter, it slid forward trapping Mr Jago's right leg against metal racking and badly breaking it. He was trapped for an hour and a half before fire and rescue services were able to free him. He suffered serious fractures to his right leg requiring metal rods and pins to be inserted.

An investigation by the HSE into the incident, which occurred on 29 January 2015, found that the company failed to ensure staff were suitably trained and competent to plan and carry out a lift of this complexity.

GEA Mechanical Equipment (UK) Limited pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, and was fined £75,000 and ordered to pay costs of £15,831.

CONSTRUCTION FIRM IN COURT AFTER WORKER FRACTURES SPINE IN ROOF FALL



Construction firm, Montway Ltd, has been fined £144,000 after a worker was seriously injured when he fell off a roof during demolition work.

latest prosecutions

Southwark Crown Court heard that on 25 February 2013 two workers were working on the roof of a two storey detached house at 17 Basing Hill, Golders Green in London.

Romanian labourer, Mr. Ioan Vancea, fell from the partly demolished roof and suffered serious injuries. No scaffolding had been provided and the work was not being supervised.

Mr. Vancea fell some five metres from the roof to the ground and sustained a series of injuries including a fractured spine. He was in an induced coma for two weeks and remained in hospital for three months.

The site was inspected by the HSE two weeks after the incident and unsupervised demolition work was still being carried out. A number of serious matters were identified including asbestos which had been removed from the house and was found in a pile by a neighbouring property's hedge and in broken pieces mixed in with other debris. Enforcement Notices were immediately served to ensure workers and members of the public were protected.

Montway Limited pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and was fined £144,000 and ordered to pay £43,606.15 in costs.

Montway Ltd originally pleaded not guilty, but changed their plea and sought a Newton Hearing to determine numerous issues it disputed. The Newton Hearing took place before District Judge Roscoe between 23-24 May 2016.

HSE inspector Andrew Verrall-Withers commented after the hearing: "Mr. Vancea's injuries were life changing and he could easily have been killed."

"This serious incident would have been avoided if scaffolding had been provided. Montway Ltd's site documents even identified it was needed."

"Montway Ltd sought a Newton hearing so they could dispute numerous issues in front of a District Judge. They were unsuccessful and the Judge's ruling confirmed she was satisfied that their approach towards the welfare of their employees was lax and casual, and it was their overall poor management of health and safety that directly led to this incident."

MANUFACTURING FIRM FINED AFTER WORKER'S ARM INJURED IN ROLLER

A Wirral based company has been fined £170,000 after a worker's arm was injured in machinery.

Warwick Crown Court heard how an installation engineer of Sovex Limited suffered a broken arm when it was pulled into machinery at the UK Mail site in Coventry, where he was commissioning a new conveyor belt system.

on by the HSE into the incident, which occurred on 21 January 2015, found there was a lack of effective guarding and isolation procedures on the machinery.

Sovex Limited, were found guilty of breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, and was fined £170,000 with £24,000 costs.

REFINERY FIRM FINED £400,000 AFTER GANGWAY FALL

Valero Energy UK Limited has been fined £400,000 following a serious accident at its Pembroke Refinery.

Judge Peter Heywood sitting at Swansea Crown Court heard the Berth 6 access tower walkway that provided gangway access to a stationary tanker vessel on 5 March 2012 had dropped 3.5 metres, causing operator David Thomas to be trapped by a slack wire rope. He suffered fractures and lacerations to both legs and a dislocated knee.

An investigation by the HSE found multiple failings leading up to the incident which led it to launch the prosecution. The court heard numerous failings included:

- Failed to carry out a sufficient risk assessment of the use and operation of the access tower, with the result that the dangers of jamming, slack cable, and personnel accessing the walkway without engaging the scotching pin were neither identified or addressed and the hierarchy of risk control was not applied
- failed to provide adequate information, instruction and training to employees as to the safe use and operation of the access tower
- failed to carry out adequate investigations into the previous and related incidents of September 2011, February 2011 and, in particular, August 2010
- failed to review the check-list risk assessment in light of those incidents
- failed to act on the recommendations of their inspection contractor, particularly in respect of the jamming problem and the absence of any access gate interlock and ignored comments on one report of their that there was a "potential fatal accident waiting to happen".
- failed to install any means of detection

or prevention of slack cable in the mechanism

- failed to detect that the access tower was neither CE marked, nor subject to a Declaration of Conformity, as required. Valero Energy UK Limited (previously known as Chevron), of Pembroke Refinery, Pembrokeshire, pleaded guilty to a single charge of breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 at a previous hearing. It was fined £400,000 and ordered to pay costs of £60,614.

WORKER SUFFERS LIFE THREATENING INJURIES AFTER DRUM EXPLODES

A Kent company who supplies road safety products has been fined after a worker suffered life threatening injuries when a drum he was working on exploded.

Maidstone Crown Court heard how 41 year old Andrew Foster, an employee of Highway Care Limited was using a plasma cutter to cut up a drum that had previously contained a flammable substance. Mr Foster suffered life threatening injuries when the drum exploded in his face causing complex head and brain injuries. He has permanently lost vision in his right eye and now has very limited vision in his left eye.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) into the incident which occurred on 6 August 2012 found that the company failed to ensure the health and safety of their employees.

Highway Care Limited, of Detling Hill, Maidstone, Kent, pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and was fined £660,000 and ordered to pay costs of £33,358.46.



TWO SCAFFOLDERS RECEIVE SUSPENDED PRISON SENTENCE FOLLOWING WORKER'S DEATH

Two scaffolders from St Austell, Cornwall have received suspended prison sentences following a death of a worker who fell 7m to his death.

Roger Stoddern, 47, was dismantling scaffolding on 24 June 2013, when he fell from a flat roof of a property in St Mawes. He was taken to Derriford Hospital but died three weeks later due to the severity of his injuries.

Truro Crown Court heard how Mr Stoddern was stacking 3m roofing sheets on the flat roof of the property without any edge protection. The safety railing had been removed to allow access to the flat roof so the sheets could be stacked. The court also heard how one of the defendants replaced the safety rail following the incident to cover up the cause of the incident.

The HSE's investigation, alongside Devon and Cornwall police, found that Colin Marshall Scaffolding was not qualified to erect the scaffolding and there was evidence no personal protective equipment, such as harnesses, was used. The condition of the scaffolding also failed to meet current safety standards.

Colin Marshall, founder of the business, pleaded guilty to Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and was given a four-month prison sentence suspended for two-years. James Marshall, Colin's son and business partner was handed an eight-month sentence suspended for two-years. They were ordered to pay costs of £25,661.

HSE inspector said, "Construction is one of the most dangerous industries in Great Britain and businesses have to take the safety of their workers seriously. Colin Marshall and James Marshall are responsible for the death of Roger Stoddern. It was entirely preventable and should not have happened. The risks of working at height are known. Scaffolders must ensure they use the right protective equipment and have sufficient edge protection in place to prevent workers falling."

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FINED £800,000 AFTER WORKER INJURED

A Surrey construction company has been fined after a contractor was run over on a large site in Wokingham.

David Cole was a site foreman on the large housing development project, which started in April 2013 and has a completion date of April 2017. He was struck by and pulled under a large bulk powder carrier.

On 7 December 2014 Mr Cole, who was contracted to Harlequin Brickwork Ltd, was walking along the site road at Mulberry Grove toward the rear of a bulk powder (mortar) carrier. The vehicle was located on a T junction having just reversed into the junction. Mr Cole walked along the nearside of the vehicle as it pulled forward and turned towards the nearside. He was hit by the vehicle and pulled under it.

He suffered serious life threatening injuries. His skin was removed and split on his left arm and leg, he fractured his left hip requiring a pin to be inserted, and fingers on his left hand were broken. His left leg has been left permanently shorter than his right by 20mm.

Reading Crown Court heard the site, run by the Principal Contractor, Crest Nicholson Operations Ltd, had failed to plan and manage the workplace transport effectively. The HSE, prosecuting, told the court the incident could have been avoided had they monitored and taken action to ensure workers stayed behind the pedestrian barriers and not walked on the road, and prevented large HGVs reversing 100s of metres at a time.

Crest Nicholson Operations Ltd. pleaded guilty to breaches of Regulation 36 (1) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 and was fined £800,000 plus £10,984 costs.

HSE's inspector John Berezansky said. "David Cole suffered life changing injuries because Crest Nicholson Operations Limited did not properly manage and monitor the workplace transport on their construction site. When working with such large delivery vehicles and construction plant, especially on projects where there are lots of pedestrians, the principal contractor must take responsibility and ensure the health and safety of all those involved."

SOMERSET MANUFACTURER PROSECUTED FOR WORKERS DEATH

A company in Somerset has been fined after the death of a worker who fell through a factory roof skylight.

Taunton Crown Court heard Samuel Wright Maxwell, 46, of Wells Somerset was employed

by Cooper B Line (CBL) factory in Highbridge, Somerset.

As a maintenance worker, Mr Maxwell had permission to go onto the roofs for various tasks and did so regularly without adequate and sufficient safety measures being in place.

On the 17 May 2013, he was on the roof working when colleagues below heard a crash, discovering Mr Maxwell had fallen through a skylight onto the concrete floor of the rack assembly area seven metres below. He died shortly after the fall.

The roofs at CBL were extensive and people worked on them regularly, without proper precautions to prevent them falling.

The HSE investigation found that CBL management failed to appreciate the risks to their maintenance workers when working on the roofs. They had carried out an inadequate generic risk assessment, which failed to identify the risks and control measures necessary when its employees were working at height.

Cooper B-Line Limited pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, and was fined £210,000 and ordered to pay costs of £36,493.52.

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