

APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Arrest After Pedestrian Death on Construction Site



A man has been arrested after a 61-year-old pedestrian was hit by a truck and later died on a construction site in Wigan.

The accident happened in March during site preparation works for a new multi-storey car park for Wigan Infirmary.

Greater Manchester Police told the BBC the man died at the scene despite the efforts of emergency services and a joint investigation involving police and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has been launched.

A 58-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of gross negligence manslaughter.

The HSE said: "We are aware of the incident and are working with police."

FINES FOR COMPANY AND DIRECTOR AFTER MAN INJURED DURING EXCAVATION WORK

A company and its director have been fined a combined £18,000 after a man was injured during excavation work in West Sussex.

JHE Construction and Jordan Hay-Ellis pleaded guilty to breaching health and safety laws following the incident on 23 February 2023.

The company had been contracted to complete a full barn conversion, which included the installation of a new septic tank. In order to install the tank, workers had to dig an excavation approximately three metres deep. Edward Keely, 30, along with two other men, had been tasked with doing the work at Lone Oak Farm.

The three men were in the hole preparing to install a concrete base for the septic tank to sit on when the walls collapsed. Mr Keely was struck by falling soil which resulted in multiple bone fractures and required for him to be dug out.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that inadequate precautions had been taken to prevent the collapse of the excavation, yet the men were expected to work in it.

HSE guidance advises that all work of this nature should be correctly planned, including whether any temporary support structures should be used. This may also include battering the excavation sides to make it safer.



Site Documentation

construction site documents must be relevant to the project and kept up to date. This is a legal requirement to ensure health, safety, and compliance on site. The site documents should include:

- Construction Phase Plan (CPP).
- RAMS (Risk Assessments and Method Statements).
- Temporary Works Designs - (scaffolding / propping / shoring / formwork etc).
- Inspection Records - (scaffolding / excavations / lifting equipment / PUWER / Fire safety equipment / welfare facilities.
- Training & Induction Records.

Keeping construction site documents relevant and up to date is a legal requirement under UK legislation, particularly the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM 2015), the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, and supporting regulations such as the Work at Height Regulations 2005, PUWER, and LOLER etc.

These laws place a duty on employers, contractors, and other duty holders to manage health and safety risks effectively by ensuring that all documentation (noted above), is accurate, site-specific, and reflects current work conditions.

Up-to-date documents support the identification and control of hazards, ensure workers receive correct information and training, and enable safe systems of work to be implemented. They are also essential in demonstrating compliance to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) during inspections, and serve as crucial evidence in the event of an incident or legal investigation. Failure to maintain accurate documentation can result in enforcement action, fines, project delays, or serious harm to workers. Therefore, good document management is not just best practice—it is a fundamental part of legal compliance and risk prevention on any construction site.



STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

April is dedicated to raising awareness about stress and its impact on mental and physical health, known as **Stress Awareness Month**, and it's been observed every April since 1992. The goal is to encourage open conversations, reduce stigma, and promote self-care and stress management techniques.

This April, Britain's bosses are being invited to follow five simple steps to prevent and reduce stress in their workplace. The Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) Working Minds campaign has called on employers to support workers mental health during Stress Awareness Month.

This month our safety campaign document will be focused around mental and stress awareness and the impact this has within the construction industry.



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WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

CSS strive to ensure that we offer the best possible advice as early as possible. If you have any concerns, or questions in relation to the project you are working on, please call us so that we can advise and offer any assistance that may be needed. We have a very approachable team who are there to help through the whole project process.



CDM TRAINING



CSS offer a range of CDM training sessions which can be carried out at a location that suits you, or online. This includes CDM training for all duty holders.

If you would like training undertaken please do not hesitate to contact our office on 01869 220649 where we will be happy to help.

Alternatively, if you want to discuss safety matters, or the newsletter contact Adam Hart on 07590 046736 or adam.hart@constructionss.co.uk

