

# JULY

# NEWSLETTER

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## **CONSTRUCTION FIRM FINED FOR IGNORING FIRE SAFETY**



An Altrincham-based construction company has been fined £165,000 after it repeatedly failed to put in place suitable fire precautions during renovation in Preston.

Glovers Court Ltd were found guilty of four offences in relation to the redevelopment of a former city centre warehouse into 35 apartments spread across six floors. The Glovers Court project was under construction on 16 May 2023 when it was visited by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS).

A number of fire safety issues were identified and LFRS prohibited the use of the building, meaning residents already living there had to leave their homes. As construction work was still ongoing, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and HSE worked in multi-agency collaboration to deal with this premises.

A HSE inspector then visited the site finding the company not to be complying with its duty to ensure suitable fire safety precautions were in place during ongoing construction work.

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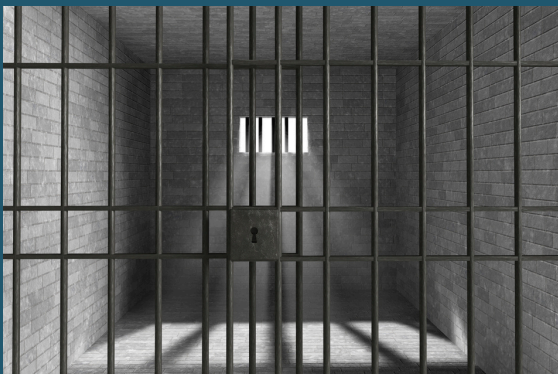
- Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
- HSG168 - Fire Safety in Construction

## **SUSPENDED PRISON SENTENCE FOLLOWING DEATH OF YOUNG ROOFER**

A director has been given a suspended jail sentence and two companies fined after a young man on just his second day on the job fell to his death at a premises in Walsall.

Adam Brunskill, 22, had been part of a team of four men working on the roof of Bestway Wholesale in Bloxwich Lane, near Reedswood. On 14 July 2020, he fell through an unprotected glass-wire skylight to the concrete floor approximately 23-feet below. He sustained a severe brain injury and died in hospital the following day.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that this was a very preventable incident. Falls from height remain one of the leading causes of workplace death and HSE guidance is available.



## **LATEST ANNUAL WORK-RELATED FATALITIES PUBLISHED**

Latest annual figures show 124 workers were killed in work-related incidents in Great Britain. A decrease of fourteen from the previous 12-month period.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE), on Wednesday 2 July, published its latest [annual fatality statistics](#), covering the period from April 2024 to March 2025

The industries with the highest number of deaths were construction (35) and agriculture, forestry and fishing (23). The most common cause of fatal injuries continues to be falls from a height (35), representing over a quarter of worker deaths in 2024/25.

## **SITE SUPERVISOR FINED AFTER EXPOSING SCHOOL PUPILS TO ASBESTOS**

A construction site supervisor has been fined after he exposed primary school pupils and staff to asbestos during renovation work. Adrian Barraclough was working as a site supervisor during the refurbishment of kitchen facilities at Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Bristol.

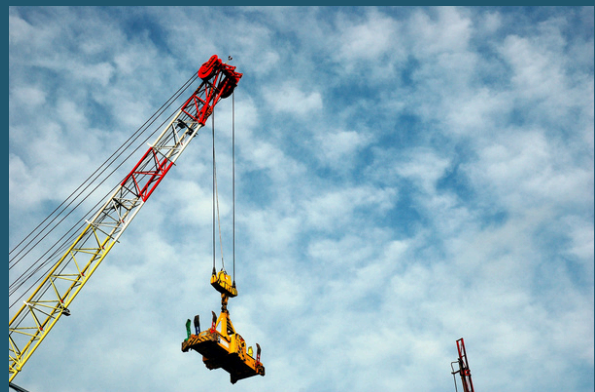
During the works on 13 May 2023, the 54-year-old cut through asbestos insulating board using a circular saw. His actions resulted in asbestos fibres spreading throughout the school hall, which was subsequently used for two days by pupils and staff.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that Barraclough failed to follow his asbestos awareness training, including clear instructions not to disturb the wall. Following an asbestos survey, the wall was due to be checked by a licensed asbestos contractor prior to removal to clarify if asbestos was present.

## **Lifting Operations**

This month our safety campaign document will be focused around lifting operations and what you must do.

The document will remind all parties, particularly Principal Contractors (PC's) of their legal duties. Recent incidents across the sector have highlighted the need for continuous diligence and proactive safety management during crane and lifting operations.



## 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.

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