

# JUNE NEWSLETTER

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## WOOD SUPPLIER HIT WITH £40,000 FOR FAILING TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM DUST



A wood supplier has been fined £40,000 for failing to protect its workers from exposure to wood dust.

Fakenham-based Nat Pal Limited was visited by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in April 2023. Dust was found scattered across the floor, and the inspection identified failings in the company's control measures to prevent exposure of their employees to wood dust and enforcement action was taken.

The HSE investigation also identified ongoing failings in the company's control measures and found that it had failed to take appropriate precautions despite previous enforcement on the same issues dating back to 2015.

Breathing in wood dust excessively can cause asthma and nasal cancer. Guidance on working in the [woodworking industry](#) is available and an [inspection-led campaign to protect workers](#) continues.

## **FINE FOR COMPANY AND DIRECTOR AFTER EMPLOYEE DIES FROM FALL THROUGH ROOF**

A cladding company and its director have been fined following the death of a worker who fell through a fragile roof whilst replacing cladding panels.

The 61-year-old was working for Camclad Contractors Limited, replacing cladding panels on a former abattoir that had been damaged in a storm, when the incident took place at Gaerwen Industrial Estate, Anglesey, on 24 January 2018.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that the work had only been planned from photographs and that no site visit had taken place before starting the work. The dimensions of the building were not known to the contractor. This meant the cherry picker hired to allow safe access to height did not reach all parts of the structure that were to be repaired.

## **FINE FOR COMPANY AND DIRECTOR AFTER EMPLOYEE FALLS THROUGH ROOF LIGHT**

A construction company and its director have been fined after a worker fell through the roof of a sheep barn. Jack Croft, 30, suffered life changing injuries after the incident in Leyburn, North Yorkshire.

He was working for Norman Iveson Steel Products, as part of a project to extend the sheep barn. Roof sheets needed to be installed, bridging the gap between the old roof and new. Jack, from Bedale, was carrying out the work on 11 October 2022 when he stepped onto a fragile roof light which immediately broke under his weight. He fell from a height of around six metres.



## **BUILDER SENTENCED FOR UNLICENSED ASBESTOS REMOVAL**

A builder has been fined after carrying out unlicensed asbestos removal work at a house in Cheadle, Manchester.

Gavin Mutch, trading as G Mutch Developments, had been contracted to carry out renovations at the property including roofing work. Despite being warned by the customer that asbestos was potentially present in the fascia boards, Mr Mutch proceeded to remove the asbestos-containing materials on 8 September 2022.



## **Temporary Works**

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

Temporary works (TWs) are parts of a construction project that are needed to enable the permanent works to be built, including structures such as scaffolding, falsework, formwork, shoring, and access platforms. BS 5975 provides a procedural control framework to ensure TWs are properly designed, checked, coordinated, and implemented safely and competently.





## 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](mailto:adam.hart@constructionss.co.uk)

