

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Man Held After Person Falls From Height to Death!!!



A man has been arrested following an industrial accident in which a person fell from a height and died.

The incident took place at Blue House Point Road, off Portrack Grange Road in Stockton, on Wednesday shortly before 16:00 BST.

A 53-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of gross negligence manslaughter and is currently in police custody.

Cleveland Police are working alongside the Health and Safety Executive to establish the full circumstances of the incident.

Coroner Calls for Scissor-Lift Rescue Training After Worker Death!!!

A coroner has called for improved rescue training for operatives of mobile elevated platforms after the death of an electrician working on a Winvic site.

Fiona Butler wrote to six organisations, including the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF), calling for rescue training drills to form part of the courses that builders and other professionals undertake for licences to operate MEWPs.

Holland became trapped between a scissor-lift railing and a containment tray in a roof space while undertaking tie wrapping of an armoured cable in the tray. The scissor lift could not be moved as the electrician was positioned over the rail and would have been at risk of falling 20 metres.

It took around 20 minutes for Holland to be rescued by a harnessed operative via a basket-to-basket rescue. He was then taken to Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, where he died from a brain injury caused by a cardiac arrest.

The coroner noted that staff from the principal contractor and subcontractors were involved in the rescue, but “not one of those had been practically trained on how to conduct this rescue before”.



Electricity at Work!!!

This month our safety campaign document will be focused around electricity at work, and what you must do to manage electricity on site.



Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations 1988/1989, 1993 and 2010

The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations 1988 (as amended in 1989, 1993 and 2010) set levels of fire resistance for upholstered furniture, furnishings and other products containing upholstery.

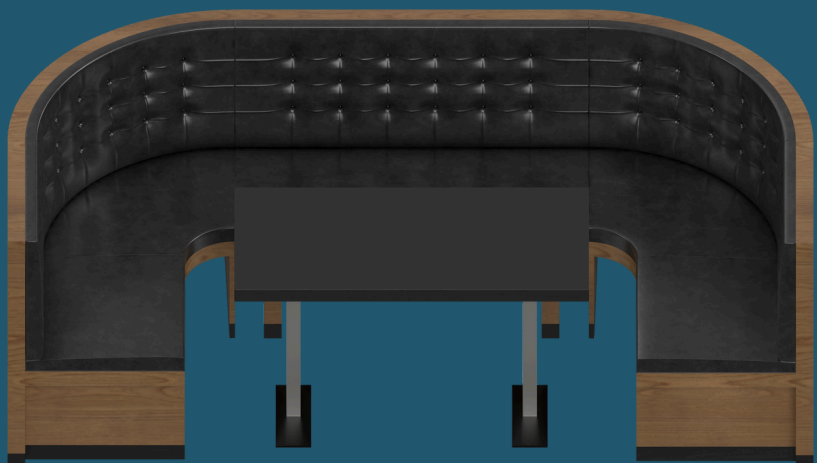
There are specific responsibilities for companies involved in the supply of upholstered furniture and suppliers of these products must understand how the Regulations may affect them.

The Regulations like most legislation is difficult to fully understand, however, two guides have been published to assist suppliers etc. to understand the regulations more fully. You should refer to the FIRA's Guide to the UK Regulations for more detailed information.

The Regulations are enforced by the Trading Standards Department. If you need advice, clarification or additional information contact them by using their website, telephone or go personally to the local office which will be a department of your local Council.

Please see below links for downloadable content:-

- [The Statutory Instrument 1988 No. 1324, the Statutory Instrument 1989 No. 2358, the Statutory Instrument 1993 No. 207 and Statutory Instrument 2010 No 2205.](#)
- The Furniture Industry Research Association (FIRA) [Guide to the UK Regulations.](#)



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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

