

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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More Fines for Construction Companies!!!



Construction firm fined as worker loses life and another injured. A company has been sentenced after a 62-year-old worker fell 10 metres to the ground and died during the construction of a new university facility. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigated the fall and subsequently prosecuted Balfour Beatty, with the firm fined £285,000 on Monday 16 September.

Igor Malka and a second contractor, Edmund Vispulskis, had been in a scissor lift while installing cladding during the construction of a new engineering hall at the University of Birmingham on 7 January 2020. The pair, from Lithuania, fell approximately 10 metres when their scissor lift was pushed over by a nearby crane.

Balfour Beatty had been the principal contractor while the National Buried Infrastructure Facility was being built at the university.

Company Fined After Worker Died in Excavation

A company has been fined after a man died while working inside an excavation at a construction site in Glasgow. Derek Caddie lost his life when part of the excavation wall collapsed on 25 November 2019.

This led to the 44-year-old being trapped in soil from the neck down before being rescued by the emergency services. He died from his injuries in hospital three days later on 28 November.



Graeme McMinn, a principal inspector at the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), said: “This was a tragic and wholly avoidable accident, caused by the failure of Carrig Construction Services Limited to put in place measures to control the risk of the sides of the excavation collapsing.

“HSE provides freely available guidance on effective controls for working in excavations on the HSE website.”

Welding!!

This month our safety campaign document will be focused around welding, and what you must do when managing welding on site.



First Aid at Work 2024 Updates

The 2024 health and safety executive updates to the First Aid at Work Regulations bring significant changes aimed at improving workplace safety and employee well-being. Employers must now consider both physical and mental health needs when assessing first aid requirements, ensuring a holistic approach to health and safety.

Key Changes Effective 2024

Mental Health Considerations:

Employers are now required to address mental health alongside physical health. This includes training first aiders in mental health first aid and integrating mental health support into their overall first aid strategy.

Terminology Update:

The term “catastrophic bleeding” has been updated to “life-threatening bleeding,” aligning with current medical terminology and practices. This change aims to simplify and clarify first aid procedures.

Simplified Guidance:

New simplified guidelines help prevent misinterpretations and ensure that employers understand their responsibilities clearly. This includes straightforward instructions on the provision of first aid.



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

