

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Construction Company Fined!!!



A Nottinghamshire-based engineering and groundworks contractor has been fined £233,000 for safety breaches after a 52-year old HGV driver was struck and killed by the mast of a piling rig at a house build site in Annan, Dumfries and Galloway.

On 21 January 2021, Gary Dobinson, who was employed by another company, visited the Hallmeadow development off Elm Road with his lorry to collect and transfer the piling rig owned by Van Elle Limited.

Tragically, as the mast of the rig was being lowered in preparation for its transportation, it suddenly collapsed and struck Mr Dobinson. Site workers and the emergency services raced to the scene to try to help him, but he sadly died from his injuries.

Builder Avoids Immediate Prison Sentence After Failing to Protect Workers

A builder has been given a suspended prison sentence after he put the lives of workers at risk on a construction site in London.

David Beadle, trading as Beadle the Builders, failed to comply with a prohibition notice issued by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in relation to unsafe working at height at the site on Woodyates Road in South East London.

Falls from height remain the leading cause of death within the construction industry and [HSE has published guidance](#) about how these incidents can be avoided.



Two Companies Fined After a Worker Suffers Serious Injuries in a Fall

A construction company and a roofing contractor have been fined after a roofer suffered multiple fractures in a fall from a building roof.

Horizon Roofing Specialist Ltd had been appointed by principal contractor – Bromley-based Property Facilities Group Ltd – to originally undertake the installation of a new roof at Aspire Academy in Welling.

Following this, Horizon Roofing were appointed to replace the roof of an existing modular building that was being refurbished, due to the original contractor becoming unavailable to complete the work.

On 29 September 2020, three roofers began work on the modular building roof, and during the work an unexpected flare from a gas gun caused one of the roofers to stumble backwards and fall from the edge of the unprotected roof to the ground below.



Protection of the Public

This month our safety campaign document will be focused around the protection of the public and what you must consider when planning works.



Construction Phase Health and Safety Plans and Small Works Plans

As part of our role we review construction phase health and safety plans (CPP) and small works plans (SWP) for Client's and Contractors prior to the works commence on site, to ensure the documents are suitably developed for the works to start. These documents are live, and therefore, must be reviewed / updated as works progress in accordance with CDM2015.

The submission of the documents / information is paramount and should be provided to CSS at least 2 weeks (or earlier) before the project starts, as this will allow sufficient time for the review process to happen and gives each duty holder time to carry out their role. We do also understand that projects may be pushed through last minute and, therefore, this time period cannot always be achieved / met, however, if this is the case, please ensure the information provided is adequate and relevant to the project. We are all a team so let's work together.



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

