

Company fined after delivery driver electrocuted

A company in Berkshire has been fined £30,000 after a father-of-four was electrocuted.

Levi Alleyne (known as 'Chunky') lost his life while delivering crushed concrete at a construction site on Swallowfield Road, Reading, on 16 November 2020.

Chunky was killed after the crane arm of his lorry came into close contact with an overhead power line, which then created an electrical charge.

The 41-year-old later passed away from his injuries.

A Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigation found BBM Contracts Limited, the principal contractor, ordered the delivery and chose the area where the crushed concrete would be delivered. However, the delivery area was located below an 11kv overhead powerline. The company was aware of the presence of overhead powerlines but did not consider whether there was an alternative way of working which avoided them, nor did it put in place demarcations or warnings. An alternative delivery route was subsequently used following the incident.

BBM Contracts Limited, of Aldbourne Avenue, Earley, Reading, pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 13(1) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. The company was fined £30,000 at Reading Magistrates' Court on 20 June 2024.

HSE principal inspector Georgina Symons said: "This tragic incident led to the death of a father-of-four. This death might have been prevented if the contractor had correctly identified and managed the risks involved.

"The dangers associated with overhead power lines are well-known and a wealth of advice and guidance is freely available from HSE and other organisations."

This prosecution was brought by HSE enforcement lawyer Samantha Tiger and supported by HSE paralegal officer Helen Jacob.

Notes to editors:

1. [The Health and Safety Executive](#) (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. We prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise.
2. More information about the [legislation](#) referred to in this case is

available.

3. Further details on the latest [HSE news releases](#) is available.
4. BBM Contracts Limited has also been ordered to pay £11,613.50 in compensation to the family of Levi Alleyne.