

Company fined after worker killed by telehandler

A construction company has been fined £160,000 after a man was killed by a telehandler at a house build site in Glasgow.

Scott Bradley had been reversing the vehicle at the Stepford Road site when it slid down an embankment and overturned on 11 May 2022.

The 44-year-old, employed by Merchant Homes Partnership Limited, had been using the telehandler to move scaffolding behind houses that had been partially built.

Despite the efforts of colleagues and the emergency services, Mr Bradley died from crush injuries at the scene.



The incident took place at a house build site in Glasgow

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Police Scotland found Merchant Homes Partnership Limited, the principal contractor at the site, had not risk assessed the traffic route where the incident occurred.

HSE guidance can be found at: [Construction – Mobile plant and vehicle industry health & safety](#)

HSE inspector James Caren said: “This was a tragic incident and our thoughts remain with the friends and family of Mr Bradley.

“Our investigation discovered that Merchant Homes Partnership Limited had failed in its duty to properly risk assess and introduce measures to ensure the traffic route was suitable for the telehandler being driven by Mr

Bradley. As a result of this, the telehandler's wheels went over the edge of the traffic route while it was being reversed, which tragically led to the vehicle overturning."

Merchant Homes Partnership Limited, of George Square, Glasgow, pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 27(2) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. The company was fined £160,000 at Glasgow Sheriff Court on 12 November 2024.



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Notes to editors:

1. [The Health and Safety Executive](#) (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. We are dedicated to protecting people and places, and helping everyone lead safer and healthier lives.
2. More information about the [legislation](#) referred to in this case is available.
3. Further details on the latest [HSE news releases](#) is available.
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