

Construction company fined after putting workers at risk of falling from height

A construction company has been fined for failing to comply with work at height regulations, placing employees at greater risk of injury.

Westminster Magistrates' Court heard that during an inspection on 23 May 2018 at Dudley House, The Grove, Hounslow, a number of issues in relation to working at height were identified. These included several unprotected edges, where a person could fall a significant distance and also a floor that was being removed by a handheld breaker whilst workers were standing on it. No measures were in place to prevent them falling if the floor collapsed.



An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that the risk assessment identified measures that needed to be implemented. These measures were not implemented and therefore created a significant risk of people falling, and causing serious or fatal injury.

STS Constructions Limited of North London Business Park, London, pleaded

guilty to breaching Regulation 6(3) of the Work at Height Regulations 2005 and was fined £26,666 and ordered to pay costs of £1135.10 plus a victim surcharge of £120.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Matthew Whitaker said: "Falls from height remain one of the most common causes of work-related fatalities in this country and the risks associated with working at height are well known. Work at height is dangerous and should be planned correctly and the required measures implemented".

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. www.hse.gov.uk
2. More about the legislation referred to in this case can be found at: www.legislation.gov.uk/
3. HSE news releases are available at <http://press.hse.gov.uk>

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