

Death of Rachel Fisk – an update from HSE

The investigation into the death of a Royal Air Force sergeant has been handed over to the Health and Safety Executive.

Rachael Fisk died on September 2 last year during a training event at RAF Weston-on-the-Green in Oxfordshire. Sgt Fisk was taking part in a parachuting exercise.

A joint investigation was launched with and led by Thames Valley Police. The police have concluded their investigation into offences of corporate manslaughter and gross negligence, the Health Safety Executive (HSE) will now lead the investigation.

The criminal inquiry will determine if any breaches under the Health and Safety at Work Act have occurred.

HSE principal inspector Stephen Faulkner said: *“It is important HSE completes the investigation into Rachel’s death to determine the cause of this incident.*

“HSE will draw upon the evidence gathered so far and call upon its own specialist investigators and independent support in what is likely to be a complex investigation.

“During the investigation we will continue to keep in touch with Rachel’s family as we send them our deepest sympathies at this difficult time.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. Please click on the following link to see [statement](#) from Thames Valley Police.
2. 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. [hse.gov.uk](https://www.hse.gov.uk)