

Derbyshire company fined after vehicles collide

A Glossop-based company has been fined after a visiting tanker collided with a fork lift truck.

Manchester Magistrates' Court heard how, on 23 June 2017, a tanker was reversing into a tanker discharge bay at Dinting Lodge in Glossop when it collided at low speed with a fork lift truck. No workers were injured in the incident.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) into the incident found that the company had insufficient control of workplace transport, in particular, reversing vehicles.

Carpenter Limited of Dinting Lodge Industrial Estate, Glossop pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974 and has been fined £60,000 and ordered to pay costs of £1,302.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Medani Close said: "The host company failed to undertake a number of simple safety measures including segregation of reversing vehicles, from other moving vehicles and pedestrians, and ensuring that reversing manoeuvres were supervised, in accordance with their site rules."

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/
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