

# Egg production company fined following Forklift Truck overturned

A Chorley company has been fined after a forklift truck (FLT) overturned on a slope trapping the driver.

Manchester Magistrates' Court heard that on 1 December 2018 an employee of Staveley's Eggs Ltd had been driving the FLT at the company's premises at Goosnargh Near Preston, when the truck overturned, trapping the driver between the truck and the ground, leading to him sustaining serious life changing crush injuries as a result.



An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that the areas where FLT's were driven had significant changes in gradient which were not a suitable surface for the type of FLT's in use. The company failed to both identify and control the risk of FLT overturn.

Staveley's Eggs Ltd of Coppull, Chorley pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. The company were fined £60,000 and ordered to pay costs of £4,259.42.

After the hearing, HSE inspector Steven Boyd commented:

"This incident could so easily have been avoided by ensuring the area where FLT's were driven was free of slopes and damage, and that a suitable FLT was used for the site.

"Companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards."

## **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](http://www.hse.gov.uk)

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

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