

Manufacturing company fined half-a-million pounds after forklift truck death

The mother of a man who was killed when the forklift truck he was driving overturned says she still feels angry as he 'simply went to work and didn't come home.'



Jamie Anderson

Jamie Anderson was killed on 4 June 2019, when the forklift truck he was operating overturned at a depot in Newark.

The 35-year-old father of one, was found in the car park trapped under the roll cage of the vehicle. He had been using a counterbalance forklift truck to move waste material when it clipped a kerbstone at the edge of the roadway and overturned. He was not wearing a seatbelt.

His mum Sarah Anderson, a care assistant from Newark, said: "No mother should lose a child and for Jamie's son Harley he has lost a loving father.

"As a family we have gone through all emotions, and I still feel angry as Jamie simply went to work and didn't come home. This should not have happened.

"He was a happy-go-lucky boy and would do anything for anyone. It's the everyday things that remind me of him and I miss his smile and blue eyes. He's missed so much."

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that The Barcode Warehouse Ltd failed to enforce the use of seatbelts by forklift truck operators. They should have properly risk assessed the use of forklift trucks on their premises and enforced the use of seatbelts. Instead, it was

left to individuals to choose whether to wear a seatbelt or not.

HSE has guidance available on managing [forklift trucks](#).

At Nottingham Magistrates' Court on 8 November the Barcode Warehouse Ltd of Telford Drive, Newark pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974. They were fined £500,000 and agreed to pay costs of £7,039.55.

Speaking after the hearing HSE inspector, Tim Nicholson said: "This tragic incident led to the avoidable death of a young man. Jamie's death could easily have been prevented if his employer had acted to identify and manage the risks involved and enforced the use of seatbelts by forklift truck operators."

This HSE prosecution was supported by HSE lawyers Nathan Cook and Jonathan Bambro, and Paralegal Officer Rubina Abdul-Karim.

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.
2. More information about the [legislation](#) referred to in this case is available.
3. Further details on the latest [HSE news releases](#) is available.