

Roofing company fined for failure to plan work at height safely

A roofing company has been fined after repeatedly failing to manage health and safety on construction sites.

Westminster Magistrates' Court heard how between 7 March 2017 and 8 October 2018, Superfast Roofing Ltd received 2 prohibition notices. Serious breaches of legislation were found on sites during roofing work they carried out in London and Essex. This included The Old Dagenham Methodist Church Hall, Rainham Road South, Dagenham, Essex.

Inspections by Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that Superfast Roofing Ltd had failed to plan, manage, monitor and carry out work at height safely. They had repeatedly breached work at height legislation, with uncontrolled fall from height risks at separate sites, with no signs of the company taking steps to improve standards.

Superfast Roofing Ltd of Grange Road, Ilford, Essex was found guilty of breaching:

- Regulation 6(3) of The Work at Height Regulations 2005
- Regulation 15(2) of The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

The company has been fined £30,000 and ordered to pay costs of £6,000.

After the hearing, HSE inspector David King said: 'Companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards, and especially where companies don't heed previous advice.'

Further guidance on doing it the right way is on HSE's website:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/safetytopics/roofwork.htm>

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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