

Costs for work-related injury and ill health continue to rise.

Though there has been a reduction in reported workplace injuries and lost working days due to work-related ill health, the cost to the UK has risen by nearly 6% to over £14.9 billion. Over 31 million workdays were lost last year to work-related illness and injuries.

Relevant safety training and safe systems of work can help to reduce the incidence rate for accidents and ill health and reduce the likelihood of prosecution. KITS offers a range of H&S training courses as well as advice and guidance, including the Competent Person Service.

Worker loses top of finger

A company was fined £6000, with costs of nearly £2000 after a worker's finger had to be partly amputated when the worker's glove was caught in a table saw. The company had failed to assess the risks and to implement suitable control measures to control the risks, as well as not training the worker in how to use the equipment.

A company has been fined £10,000 with £6,300 costs for allowing two workers to work on a roof without suitable fall protection being provided. Falls from heights are one of the biggest causes of workplace fatalities and major injuries. All work at height must be properly planned irrespective of the task being undertaken and those in control must ensure suitable control measures to prevent falls are in place throughout the duration of the project. KITS provides safety awareness training for safe working at heights as well as ladder / stepladder safety training.

A company was fined £10,000, with £5,800 costs, after a worker fell from height whilst cleaning the gutters on a building. He was working from a ladder that slipped, which resulted in the worker suffering a broken arm, shoulder and fractured elbow. If a suitable safe system of work had been in place, with appropriate training provided, the life changing injuries sustained by the employee could have been prevented. The company was also censured for failing to report the accident in accordance with RIDDOR.

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