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## **£160K FINE AFTER PASSER-BY HIT BY SCAFFOLD CLIP**

A pedestrian suffered cuts and bruising to his head and a broken nose when he was hit by a scaffold clip that fell approximately 20m. **The scaffolding company was fined £160,000**, with £7,000 costs. It was stated that this incident could have been avoided if the company had **followed their own Risk Assessments and Method Statements.**

## **£500K FINE FOR WORKPLACE TRANSPORT FAILURES**

A site worker was knocked down by a tipper truck on a large construction site which resulted in the amputation of his right leg. **The company was fined £500,000**, with £30,000 costs, after pleading guilty to breaches of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 through **failure to manage vehicle and pedestrian movements on the site.**

## **WORKER'S HAND PARTIALLY SEVERED IN CHOP SAW**

A manufacturing company was fined £10,000, with £2,000 costs, after a worker's hand was badly damaged when a chop saw dropped onto his hand during use. The company pleaded guilty through failing to provide sufficient training and information, in addition to not having suitable **Risk Assessments or a Safe System of Work in place.**

## **£120K FINE AFTER SEVERE HAND INJURY**

**A worker lost two fingers** and suffered other damage whilst using a circular saw to cut stacks of cardboard to size, without the use of a jig or push stick and after minimal training and inadequate supervision. The employer pleaded guilty and was **fined £120,000 with £850 costs**, due to a lack of effective control measures necessary to minimise the risks from dangerous parts of machinery.

**KITS provides a variety of TRAINING COURSES** that could help to prevent such incidents, including H&S Awareness, Risk Assessments and IOSH Working Safely and Managing Safely. **Contact KITS on 01484 711462 for more information.**

The latest enforcement figures published by the HSE have shown a major rise in health and safety fines, of around 80%, from 2015/16 to 2016/17. **ALL EMPLOYERS** must appoint someone who is **competent** to enable them to meet their duties under Health and Safety Law - failure to do so could lead to you adding to the list of prosecutions, and **ignorance of the law is no defence.**

KITS has the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to act as your Competent Person.

**KITS provide advice and assistance to a number of companies** with a range of cost effective schemes including audits, to suit your budget, **starting at £450 + VAT** (1yr Scheme with 1 H&S Audit and other benefits included, such as reduced rates for training courses). There is no tie-in period, and other schemes are available to suit individual companies.

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