



Welcome.

Hi all here is the October edition of our periodic communication for 2019, with helpful advice and reminders for us all. Please make use of this document (print out and add to the safety notice board) as part of our communication to workforces and others that may be affected by our business activities. Please note PRR Safety change of business address in the footer below.

Work at height review urged by all party group.

“Members of Parliament have called for a major review of work at height culture following a year long inquiry investigating why falls happen and how to reduce these incidents.” I think we will find that a regulation change is on the way! It is important we stay within the law in this important area, recent enforcement has seen custodial sentences for individuals who ignore safe practices, irrespective of accident or injury.

Recent enforcement action.

A waste company employee was struggling to manoeuvre a telehandler, and it became stuck. With the engine running and the door blocked, he climbed out through the window to allow company director Toon to free the machine.

The telehandler moved unexpectedly, crushing Tinsley between the machine and a gate post. He was in hospital unconscious for weeks and has not fully recovered from his injuries.

HSE investigators found Tinsley was being trained by Toon to drive the telehandler which had several serious long-term faults.

“Safe-stop procedures should be encouraged; drivers should apply the parking brake and turn off the ignition before exiting any mobile machinery.

“Justin [Tinsley] could not do this as the telehandler was in such poor mechanical condition.”

Michael Toon was well aware of the unsafe condition of the telehandler yet allowed it to be used by an inexperienced employee; he was [toon] found guilty under s.37 of the Health and Safety at Work Act and sentenced to 120 hours un-paid work.

Online training

Remember we can supply online basic training for all health and safety content; please get in touch with your requirements; our contract clients also where required have access to our training database which stores all employee training and reminds us as retraining becomes due.

