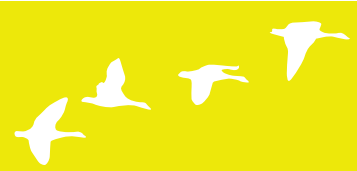


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## Working At Height Prosecution

**You Don't Have To Have an Accident To Be Prosecuted.**

**Firm fined £3,000 for Working at Height safety breach.**

A contractor was fined £3,000 and ordered to pay costs totalling £3,517 at a Magistrates court recently for breaching The Working at Height Regulations.



Company employees were working to salvage tiles from a building using an unsecured ladder.

This clearly demonstrated a lack of planning and preparation for Working at Height by the employer. No risk assessment of the task had been completed and therefore the risks will not have been identified and control measures put in place.

HSE investigating inspector Stephen Hartley said:

*"Employers are expected to plan working at height carefully and take appropriate measures to prevent falls. Where standards are poor HSE will prosecute those responsible, even if there are no injuries as in this case".*



### What can I do to prevent being the next employer in Court?

- Ensure all work is risk assessed by a competent person.
- Ensure all work is planned and a safe system of work is developed.
- Train staff on work activities that they will undertake.
- Provide employees with Information and Instruction.
- Employ a competent supervisor to oversee the work.
- Consult your work force on health and safety issues.
- Do not allow work to take place if it is unsafe.
- Maintain your equipment in line with current legislation.
- Keep up to date with current legislation.

If in doubt or for additional advice please contact 4See Risk Management on...

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