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# Lack of training costs £11,100

Carlisle Glass Ltd of Crown Street, Carlisle was fined £10,000 plus costs of £1,100 after pleading guilty to failing to ensure the safety at work of an employee. On the 25th June 2007 the company sent one of its employees to repair a broken window at a property in Durrhill Road, Carlisle. The employee had removed large pieces of broken glass and was using a hacking tool and a hammer to remove the old putty from the frame when the ladder slipped and he severed an artery and two tendons on his left hand.

HSE Inspector, Mhairi Duffy, told the court that the ladder was not secured and the employee had not received any training in the use of ladders. The ladder was not suitable for the type of the work as the employee was unable to hold on properly while working. Duffy said: "This was an entirely avoidable incident and the consequences could have been far worse. The injured person has undergone physiotherapy, but still suffers from some mobility loss and loss of grip. The injured person had not received any training in the use of ladders and in this case more suitable access equipment should have been used.

After the incident the company was served with four Prohibition Notices banning it from using ladders that were in poor condition and four Improvement Notices.

## Driver fined for causing injury

Gerald David Wyatt, a forklift truck driver working at Eardisley Sawmills, Herefordshire was fined £1,750 for causing serious injuries to a colleague in January. Wyatt pleaded guilty to failing to take reasonable care for the health and safety of others under Section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. Worcester Crown Court heard that Wyatt was driving a Rough-Terrain fork truck while the forks were loaded with a stack of 12 modular sheds. The load significantly obscured his vision and a fellow employee was struck by the load causing a fractured pelvis, cuts and

bruises. HSE's investigating inspector Anne Robinson said: "It is important that individuals are aware that they, as well as their employer, have duties under the law to take reasonable care of the health and safety of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work. Wyatt's employer had employed an in-house forklift truck trainer and he had received regular refresher training and re-testing. Operators of lift trucks must ensure that they operate them in accordance with the training they have been given to prevent such tragedies."

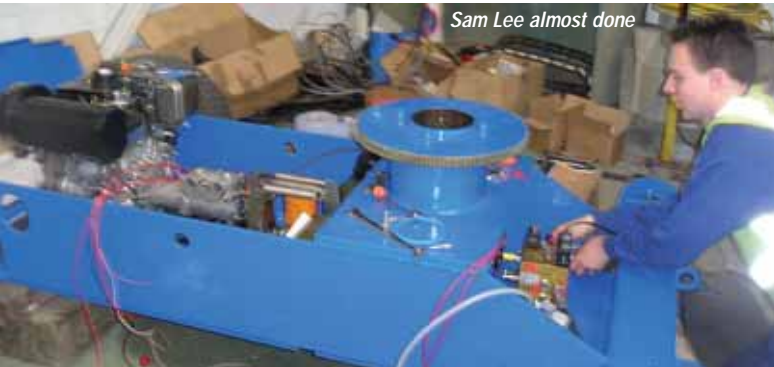
## Nifty rebuilds almost done

For the past three months two young apprentices working for A.M.P, the West Country powered access company, now part of Lavendon, have been rebuilding two dilapidated and abused Niftylift HR120's. The two, Chris Verrin-Sipsom in Liskeard and Sam Lee in Taunton, have now completed their machines and they will be on display at SED and Access Days.



Chris Verrin Sipsom and...

Sam Lee almost done



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## Who trained him then?

This marquee erector clearly has no idea about what constitutes safe work at height. Clearly he has a total brain disconnect. One assumes he must be self employed?

## Telehandler reverse costs £14,000

FOCSA Services (UK) Ltd, of Rochdale, was fined £10,000 and ordered to pay costs of £4,277 after pleading guilty to breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. In September 2006, a 54-year-old worker was run over by a telehandler as it manoeuvred to unload a kerbside recycling vehicle at the Atlas Mill Recycling Site in Brighouse, managed by FOCSA. The man suffered severe internal injuries and was hospitalised for three months.

Health and Safety Inspector Kate Dixon said: "This was a tragic and entirely avoidable incident, from which the worker was lucky to escape with his life. The employer failed to ensure that proper measures were taken to provide a system of work that adequately controlled the risks arising from the movement of vehicles on the site. The consequences will affect him permanently. The dangerous parts of the site were not adequately fenced off or secured and site rules were not enforced. This meant that members of the public were also put at risk."



## Fit for purpose?

Spotted in the centre of Zaragoza, Spain, two men in a very suspect platform, and of course no harnesses. An accident waiting to happen.

## Fall from alloy tower costs £4,100

RH Phillips & Sons Ltd of Bognor Regis, West Sussex, has been fined £2,500 and ordered to pay £1,600 costs, plus a £15 victim surcharge at Chichester Magistrates' Court. R H Phillips pleaded guilty to a breach of Regulation 4 of the Work at Height Regulations 2005. An employee, John Dennis suffered fractured ribs following a fall from the top platform of the unguarded mobile scaffold tower. The Court heard that Dennis had received no training or instruction from his employer on the use of the access tower. The HSE investigation also found that the persons setting up the scaffolding tower were not suitably competent to erect or dismantle tower scaffolding, and the scaffolding itself was unfit for use in a work activity.