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## Priorities!

This man spotted at work this July, has his bright yellow jacket on, his hard hat and his safety boots, so the site safety officer is happy, but look at his access platform!

## Lack of training and proper equipment costs £53,000

A grain installation company and its client were hit with more than £53,000 in fines and costs following the death of Alan Ellison of Swindon in June 2004.

Ellison was employed to help install a new grain drying system at Raymond Bros' farm. He died after falling around eight metres onto the concrete floor below.

His employer - Enid Vale Ltd trading as B.K. Grain Handling Engineers of Marlborough, Wiltshire - was fined £20,000 and ordered to pay costs in excess of £8,000. Farmer Mansel Raymond, trading as Raymond Bros of Jordanston Hall, Letterston, Pembrokeshire was fined £10,000 and order to pay costs of £15,000.

Enid Vale pleaded guilty to breaching Regulations 3(1) and 7(1) of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 while Raymond Bros was found guilty of breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

HSE Inspector Wayne Williams said: "Working at height is extremely dangerous as this case has so tragically demonstrated. It is imperative that employers carry out proper risk assessments and ensure their staff are adequately trained to work at height."

Latest figures show that 46 people died from a fall from height at work in 2005/06, while 3,351 were injured. Falls from height remain the most common kind of accident causing fatal injuries.

## Access apprentices win

Joe Wickens, an apprentice service engineer at Nationwide Access, has won the award for Plant Mechanics - Access Platforms at the CITB college, Bircham Newton. Darren Cawley and Gareth Cone of AFI were also nominated for this award. Wickens receiving his award from TV presenter Penny Mallory.



Steve Vickary apprentice service engineer at The Platform Company took first place awards in the Key Skills and the Personal Effort in Plant Mechanics categories. He was also runner-up spot for Good Effort in Key Skills.

Steve Vickary receiving one of his awards



## Forklift access

How's this for crass stupidity? A forklift, with ladder up to a stack of pallets and a step ladder to reach the roof.



## Breach of Work At Height regs costs £4,000

K and M Joinery Ltd of the Nurseries, Linstock, Carlisle, Cumbria was fined £2,600 and ordered to pay £1,395 after the company pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 6 (3) of the Work at Height Regulations 2005.

Apprentice Brett Lawden, aged 19, received spinal injuries after falling through an unprotected stairwell at a site in Langwathby near Penrith on the 6 July 2006. He has since made a full recovery.

## Who trained this operator?



When learning to drive a crane or truck mounted aerial lift, one of the most important aspects of the training is the correct set up of the machine's outriggers. In spite of this, the vast majority of accidents involve their incorrect set up.

This accident in Sotogrande Spain, which could have been much worse, was entirely down to the fact that the crane operator only extended one outrigger beam. Surprise surprise, when the load shifted slightly to the side where the rear outrigger beam had not been extended and over it went. (Further details on this accident on Vertical.Net)

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