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# An eye opening mock trial

**Working Well Together - a joint construction industry/Health and Safety Executive initiative in UK - will host a half day event entitled 'Wrong Direction, Don't Fall for It' next month re-enacting the proceedings of what happens when a company is found liable for the death or injury of an employee.**

Presented by HSE inspectors and lawyers, the live dramatization focuses on Andy Cartridge, the operations director of a fictional company which is being investigated after an employee was injured by a fall from height. Cartridge is first interviewed by health and safety inspectors under Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) conditions. After finding the company to be liable for a series of safety breaches, he is then cross examined by a barrister - Hayley Saunders of Shoosmiths law firm. Once the performance has concluded there will be an opportunity to ask HSE inspectors and Saunders questions about the investigation process and of the individuals involved with the case.

HSE visiting officer Ian Weekes, said: "Those who come along will be able to see first-hand what it is like for a representative of the company to face questioning under PACE conditions, and the implications

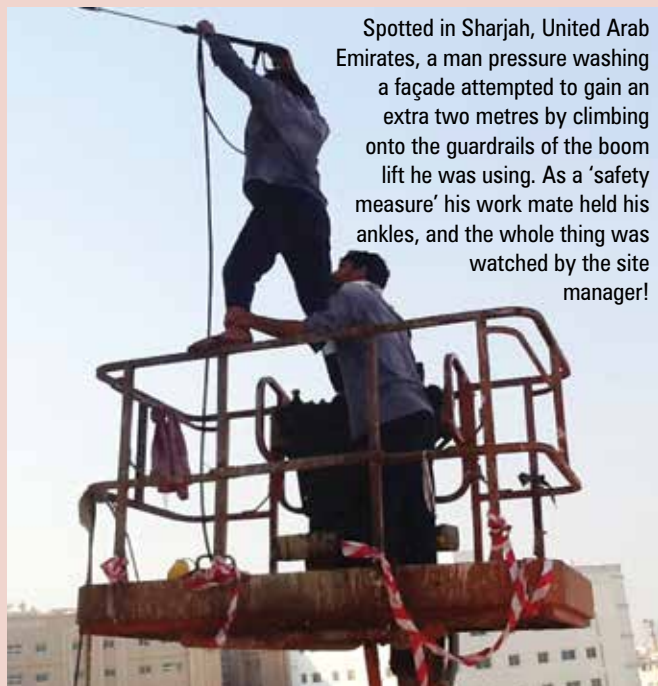


*The purpose of this event is to show the implications of a PACE interview and trial*

for those involved. Protecting the health and safety of employees and members of the public is an essential part of risk management and must be led by those at the top - many high-profile safety cases over the years have been rooted in failures of leadership. This event will be a real eye opener for those attending, giving a detailed insight into what happens when someone has to answer to HSE because a worker has been injured."

Scheduled for Friday 6th December, the event will be held at the Lumb Farm Country Club in Ripley, Derbyshire. For more information or to book a place, contact HSE visiting officer Weekes at: [ian.weekes@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ian.weekes@hse.gsi.gov.uk).

## Who trained him then?



Spotted in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, a man pressure washing a façade attempted to gain an extra two metres by climbing onto the guardrails of the boom lift he was using. As a 'safety measure' his work mate held his ankles, and the whole thing was watched by the site manager!



*A large crawler crane that overturned in Singapore earlier this year*

## MOM clamps down on crane safety

Between July 15th and September 30th Singapore's Ministry of Manpower (MOM) carried out a series of unannounced crane safety inspections as part of Operation Skylark. In total, MOM uncovered 189 contraventions of the Workplace Safety & Health (WSH) Act and issued 107 fines against 61 companies. The majority of sites belonged to companies which had experienced crane incidents in the past, or had a large number of cranes on site.

The most common contraventions included failure to maintain cranes in a good working condition and failure to establish and implement a proper lifting plan. Others were fined for using defective lifting gear, corroded ropes and damaged safety latches on hooks.

Go Heng Huat, deputy director engineering and safety at MOM's Occupational Safety and Health Division, said: "The recent accidents are a stark reminder that poorly managed crane operations can lead to deaths. Companies must implement safe lifting plans and put in place a robust crane maintenance regime to ensure that crane operations are kept safe."

## ...And considers mandatory data-loggers

Following Operation Skylark, MOM announced the launch of a pilot trial on the use of data loggers on mobile cranes. With plans to complete the trial by the end of the year, it is considering making data loggers mandatory for certain cranes based on its findings.

Senior parliamentary secretary for education and manpower, Hawazi Daipi, said: "We have been working closely with the industry on exploring the adoption of new technologies to improve WSH practices. MOM constantly explores new technologies and solutions to better manage and monitor crane safety conditions on the ground. An example worth highlighting is the implementation of data loggers on cranes. Though not currently mandatory, the benefits of data loggers are multi-fold. First, the information recorded

and stored can assist crane users to plan their lifting operations to optimise the safe use of the cranes.

Secondly, they allow for better monitoring of the performance of the crane operators."



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