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## Fines and prison sentence for dangerous steel worker

Balancing dangerously on scaffold cost the employee of a steel erector almost £4,500 for working unsafely at height on a hotel development in Manchester, UK in January 2015. A member of the public spotted David Mullholland balancing on scaffold tubes in the rain whilst working on the roof. Instead of using the scaffold tower provided he climbed up the scaffold to hammer the steel beams into place. A full-time on-site scaffolder was available for the contractors to utilise to ensure safe working platforms were in place. Mullholland was sentenced to six months suspended prison sentence, fined £1,400 plus costs of £2,939.

HSE inspector Matt Greenly said: "David Mullholland failed in his duty to protect his own safety at work and placed others at risk had he dropped any tool from the position he was seen in, some 27 metres above street level. He said that he did not appreciate how high he was. It is a matter of pure luck that no-one was injured or killed. My thanks go to the member of the public who reported their concern to us, as they have been instrumental in saving the life of Mr Mulholland and arguably anyone below him at that time."

## Dodgy ladder costs Volvo £900,000+

Volvo UK has been fined £900,000 plus £5,820 for an incident in which an employee was seriously injured following a fall from a worn step ladder in September 2015. The man was servicing a delivery truck and repairing the driver's cab access grab when he fell off the ladder, hit his head and lost consciousness. He developed swelling on his brain and was placed in a medically induced coma for two weeks. According to the HSE, he is still unable to return to work. An investigation found that the company had not trained its staff in the safe use of the available access equipment and that the step ladder was not in a good condition.

HSE inspector Nick Wright said: "This worker suffered life changing injuries that could have been prevented by simple health and safety precautions. For two weeks his family was told to prepare for the worst. This case is not about banning ladders - on many occasions they are the right equipment to use when working at height - it is about companies ensuring they properly maintain this equipment and train their workers on how to inspect them and select the correct tools for the job. As this case shows, even a fall from a relatively small height can have devastating consequences."



## Contributory negligence

An employee of a tree company in Granite City, Illinois is disciplined for being contributorily negligent when he fell from a work platform while trimming trees in the town.

The employee, Toby Thomas, filed a counter complaint against his employer Hanfelder's Tree Service alleging that it failed to provide a well-maintained bucket truck and safety harness worker's compensation insurance - surprisingly no mention was made of training. Thomas is now looking for \$50,000 for having sustained disabling and disfiguring injuries, pain and mental anguish, lost wages and medical expenses.

## Three metre fall costs £22k

A UK-based air conditioning maintenance company, ICH of Leeds, was fined £20,000 plus costs of £1,050, after an employee fell from a platform while working at Iceland Foods in Clayton, Manchester in June 2015. The man and another engineer were replacing a motor in an air handling unit from a platform, when the man stepped backwards off the platform and fell through a false ceiling to the ground.

## Training brokerage

UK-based powered access, telehandler and training group AFI has established an online training brokerage business - Find My Training. The new company uses its website to collate health, safety, construction and working at height training courses throughout the UK, with the aim to make it easier to search and book a particular course at a convenient time and location. Accredited courses available will include IPAF, PASMA, CITB, SMSTS, SSSTS, SQA, NRSWA, IOSH, NEBOSH and First Aid courses.



## Who trained them then?

Spotted in Bristol, UK last month, a man working on a building from an open pallet on a forklift directly above spiked railings. The location? Next door to a platform rental depot with machines in stock!

