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# OSHA amends crane operator rule

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has announced a proposed change to its operator certification rule to provide clarity regarding crane operator certification requirements and reinstates the employer's duty to ensure that a crane operator is qualified to safely operate the relevant equipment.

The attempts at crane operator certification requirements began in 2010 with OSHA's Cranes and Derricks in Construction Standard, which mandated that crane operators become certified for both the type of crane used and the lifting capacity. OSHA was then notified that two of the four accredited testing services were issuing certifications for 'type' of crane rather than 'type and capacity'. There was also concern about the rule's language - that 'certification' didn't mean an operator had the necessary skills.

The newly proposed rule drops the capacity requirement that never went into effect. The agency claims that the change will 'expand the type of certification programmes for crane operators'. The rule also details requirements an employer must follow to train, qualify and evaluate operators, including documentation specifying make, model and configuration of equipment used during the evaluation process.

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) said: "The decision to remove the crane capacity certification is supported by the overwhelming majority of industry stakeholders at meetings hosted by OSHA and others since the rule was first published in 2010."

In November, OSHA delayed the crane operator certification requirements for yet another year in order to make this amendment - it was originally due to take effect in November 2014.



## Fall costs builder £10k

Scottish construction company Fleming Buildings has been fined £9,335 plus costs after a joiner fell through a roof. The man was working on a construction site in Glasgow in October 2015 when he fell 3.6 metres onto a pile of timber cut-offs. He sustained multiple fractures to his ribs and his spine. Although the company had carried out a risk assessment, there were no sufficient measures in place to prevent falls through a void in the roof of the building.

HSE inspector Graham Mitchell said: "Falls from height remain one of the most common causes of work related fatalities in this country and the risks associated with working at height are well known. This incident might have been prevented if suitable and sufficient measures had been in place."

## Farm fall costs almost £20,000

Somerset-based farming company Evercreech Park Farms has been fined £16,000 plus costs of £3,467.07 after Ian Stewart, a contract herdsman, fell three metres to a concrete floor in May 2016, while lining the walls of a silage clamp. Stewart fractured two vertebrae in his neck and back, suffered nerve damage and was in intensive care for four days. The investigation revealed that the company did not have a risk assessment or safe system of work in place for working at height, and that it would have been possible to carry out the tasks with an aerial lift.

HSE inspector Annette Walker said: "This incident could so easily have been avoided by simply carrying out safe working practices. If a suitable safe system of work had been in place prior to the incident, the life changing injuries sustained by Mr Stewart could have been prevented."



## Encouraging the future

Vertical Days was once again the host to educational charity My Future My Choice, which aims to show secondary school students the possibilities of a career in engineering. For each of the two days, 30 pupils from local schools, supported by a team of Liebherr apprentices, were challenged to build a hydraulic boom from cardboard, syringes and tubing. They then competed against one another in a lifting challenge.

The students were also given an opportunity to operate a 40 tonne Liebherr All Terrain crane that was set up alongside the conference room. As three footballs were perched on top of a set of traffic cones, the youngsters were tasked with either manoeuvring the crane's hook in a figure-of-eight motion between the obstacles, or to simply lower the boom and knock the footballs off the cones.

## Who trained him then?

Sent in by a UK reader, a man using a hedge cutter whilst standing unrestrained in the bucket of a tractor. He is also working dangerously close to overhead power lines, while the tractor's front wheel is perilously close to the edge of the road and a ditch.

