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Fatal incident costs \$18,500

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of Oregon fined two companies - Pickathon and GuildWorks - following the death of Brad Swet, 35, of Foster Trees and Brandon Blackmore, 27, of GuildWorks, after their boom lift overturned at the Pickathon music festival in Portland, Oregon in 2019.

The two men had gone up in the boom lift and climbed into the trees to reach ropes holding a giant canopy. They remained attached to the platform with their lanyards, but the combination of no weight in the platform, the high elevation of the retracted boom and slope caused the boom to tip rearwards, pulling the men from the trees and hurling them to the ground.

OSHA's investigation found that the machine's slope sensor alarm and the secondary guarding device had been disabled. The companies were fined \$12,500 for disabling the alarms. Guildworks also received an additional \$6,000 fine for not following the manufacturer's instructions, which included maintaining a firm footing on the platform's floor at all times, not raising the lift on an uneven surface, not moving the machine while the boom was extended on a slope, and not putting the lift in a raised position with the counterweight on a downward side of a slope. The investigation also revealed that the companies had a history of not following standard safety procedures.

Brad Swet's mother Darlene has filed a lawsuit against Pickathon, GuildWorks, Pendarvis Farms, Herc Rentals, Terex and Genie for \$37 million in compensation.

Fatal dropped load costs £60k

UK steelwork company PCR Steel was fined £50,000 plus costs of £9,900 after a man died in a telehandler incident at the company's premises in Grays, Essex in 2019. A man employed by South East Galvanizers, who was collecting the base of a steel balcony, was using a telehandler to load the 400kg balcony onto a trailer. It slipped off the forks while being lifted, fatally crushing a second man, 47, who was standing on the trailer. The HSE found that PCR had failed to ensure that the lifting operation was properly planned by a competent person, appropriately supervised, or carried out in a safe manner. It had also failed to plan how the load would be set down or exclude people from the danger zone. HSE inspector Jill Mead said: "This was a tragic and avoidable incident, caused by the failure of the host company to implement safe systems of work. Those in control of work have a responsibility to devise safe methods of working and provide the necessary information, instruction and training to their workers in the safe system of working."

IPAF's technician apprenticeship

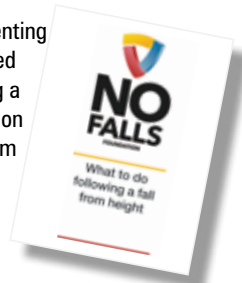
IPAF associate member, North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College, has launched its Lift Truck and Powered Access Apprenticeship course. Forming part of IPAF's 'Roadmap to Qualified MEWP Technician or Engineer Status', the course covers

the inspection, maintenance and repair of lifting equipment and will include modules on batteries and hydraulics as well as diagnosing and repairing faults. The first course in April has already been filled, while a second course has been scheduled for September.



No Falls support pack

The No Falls Foundation, a UK charity dedicated to preventing falls from height and helping those affected, has published a free support pack with advice and assistance following a fall from height in the workplace. It contains information on a wide range of topics and can either be downloaded from The No Falls Foundation website or the safety section of the Vertical online library.



\$10k phone fine

US tower crane operator Michael Chichester was fined \$10,000 by the NYC department of buildings after an inspector observed him on his mobile phone while lifting a steel beam on a job site in the Bronx last June. NYC inspector Andrew Rudansky said: "Chichester was found with both hands and eyes focused on his mobile phone, while a steel beam was attached to the crane hook as workers tried to connect the beam to its columns. Everyone knows that driving a car while on your cell phone is dangerous. It should be even more obvious that this behaviour is completely unacceptable when operating a large crane."

Who trained him?

Spotted in the UK, a man hanging from a third floor window whilst standing on the thin protective rails in order to clean the stonework above.

