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2.5M FALL COSTS £62,000

UK refrigeration company GEA Refrigeration UK has been fined £27,000 plus £35,000 costs and a victim surcharge of £170, after an employee broke several ribs and sustained internal injuries after falling 2.5 metres from an incomplete gantry. The company was replacing a cooler unit located on the gantry 10 metres above the warehouse floor at an Iceland depot in Swindon in February 2017.

The Health and Safety Executive found the company had failed to properly plan, co-ordinate and supervise the work, to ensure it was carried out in a safe manner to control the risks of falls.

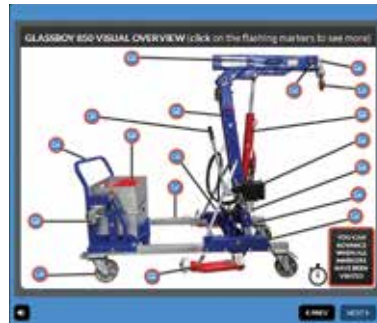
HSE inspector Leo Diez said: "This incident could have been avoided by identifying and implementing effective control measures and safe working practices."

GGR LAUNCHES NEW E-LEARNING COURSES

UK based mini crane and glass handling specialist GGR has launched the first in a series of new online training courses for spider and mini crawler cranes, along with vacuum handling equipment. The initial online training and e-learning courses focus on floor cranes and hoists, with more equipment categories such as cladding vacuum lifters and glazing robots to be added in the coming months.

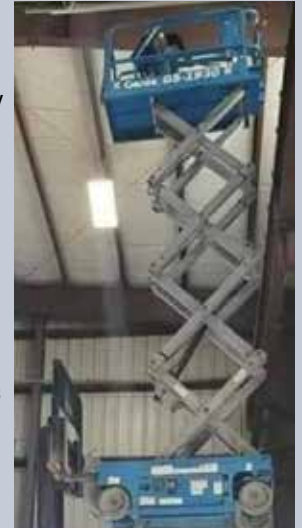
GGR has trained thousands of people since it launched its first course in 1995, from training facilities in Oldham, Haddenham and Blantyre. Chief executive Graeme Riley said: "The business environment is constantly changing. In today's market, we are faced with new challenges and have seen interruption to business from the effects of the Covid pandemic, disruption to supply chains and rising costs, creating a shift towards doing business in a more sustainable, efficient and environmentally friendly ways. This, along with market trends and customer demands, has driven our investment in these programmes."

Group training manager Terry Cheese added: "We are producing these e-learning courses in response to increased demand for training that can be delivered and accessed remotely, without leaving the office, home or even on location. We've made significant investment in software and content production to ensure that after successful completion learners can be efficient and effective with our equipment, for increased productivity and safety. All the programmes have been designed by us and many are already accredited. Our eLearning designs include things like interactive scenarios, hi-res imagery, quizzes and assessments, narration, videos and instructional films, animation and downloadable documents."



WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

We are not sure where this occurred or when and the concept is far from new... we have reported on similar incidents for more than 20 years. Given the safety issues which include structural failure of the fork pockets as well as stability issues, not to mention the inefficiency of this method, it is hard to understand how two or more people could think that this makes any sense, no matter what the circumstances.



MALAY SAFETY POSTER CAMPAIGN

IPAF and Malaysia's Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Selangor have launched a series of Andy Access safety posters in the Malay language as part of DOSH Selangor's Aerial work platform Safety Campaign which aims to promote the safe and effective use of mobile work platforms.



Raymond Wat, Bahrudin bin Mamat of DOSH Selangor Alex Tan of Aerial Global and Amanda Tan of IPAF

IPAF has been working closely with the DOSH Selangor's deputy director of operations, Ahmad Fauzi bin Awang, with the plan to publish eight posters in total. Alex Tan of Aerial Global and chairman of the IPAF Malaysia Workgroup, also proposed a collaboration between safety organisations in Malaysia and IPAF to maximise the impact of the new Malay language posters which will be printed and distributed throughout Selangor including IPAF members, construction sites and local safety organisations.

