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RIWAL AND BLOM TRAINING JOIN FORCES

Dutch international rental company Riwal has formed a partnership with training specialist Blom Opleidingen for the provision of training courses for aerial work platform operators. Between them the two companies have 26 locations providing training, as well as offering on site courses.

The partnership will allow the two companies to offer their customers a greater selection and more availability by combining their individual strengths and networks. Blom Training is one of the largest trainers in the Netherlands covering warehouse material handling equipment such as forklifts, training more than 30,000 students a year across 21 locations. It is also an IPAF member.



F1 FALL COSTS 760K

McLaren - the Formula 1 racing company - was fined £650,000 plus £110,000 in costs following a fatal incident at its premises in Maidenhead in 2016 in which David Oldham, 55, an inspector from Zurich Management Services fell to his death.

Oldham was carrying out a structural inspection of McLaren's Paddock Brand Centre - a hospitality unit used by its F1 racing team - as part of a repair and maintenance update, when he fell from an upper floor. A HSE investigation found that McLaren had failed to properly assess the risks and put measures in place to prevent falls from height.

Oldham left behind his wife Patricia and five children. Speaking of the incident she said: "Davey was my husband for 14 years, we loved each other very much, he was the kind of man who would help anyone if he could, he had such a big heart and used to make me laugh so much. We were planning our retirement, travelling and seeing what new experiences we could explore together. I have been robbed of my husband, but poor Dave lost his life."

HSE inspector Saffron Turnell said: "Work at height is a high risk activity and falls can result in life changing injuries and death. It's the number one reason why people like David don't get home from work. Those responsible to ensure his health and safety failed to do so."



David and Patricia Oldham



MAKESHIFT PLATFORM COSTS £16K

UK installation company Renka was charged almost £16,000 in fines and costs after an employee was badly injured following a fall at a house in Frodsham, Cheshire in August 2021. The company had been hired to supply and fit windows and doors at the property. When Renka employees arrived on site to install skylights, they found that the scaffold tower provided was too large to be positioned in the area where it was required. As a result, they made their own platform by wedging scaffold boards between the roof joists and gaining access via external scaffolding.

One of them stepped from the roof onto the platform, at which point a board broke, causing him to fall five metres to the ground below. The man, 35, fractured his back and ribs.

The investigation found that Renka failed to properly plan the work at height or provide suitable equipment for it to be carried out safely. The company's employees had also not been provided with instructions as to how the work should be carried out, or adequate training for working at height.

HSE inspector Sara Andrews said: "The incident could have been prevented by the adequate planning and provision of suitable equipment, together with relevant training and instructions. It is fortunate that the injuries suffered by the employee were not more serious, or even fatal."



WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

WALKING THE PLANK

When two men working from a scissor lift in a church needed to reach out over an obstacle on the ground, they used a folding ladder as a cantilever deck. The posture of the man on the ladder tells you how unsafe and insane this is.



CPL OFFERS FREE TRAINING OR CAP RENEWALS

UK vehicle mounted platform specialist CPL - part of the Klubb group - is offering free training to all CAP engineers on its van and pick-up mounted products. The UK population of these machines exceeds 3,000 units. The free training, scheduled to start later this year, will be conducted by CPL lead engineer Alastair Thorpe at its premises in Kettering, Northamptonshire.