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Loader crane fatality costs £417,000

London, UK-based Options Energy Resource has been fined £400,000 plus costs of £17,242.33 following the death of a loader crane operator at one its job sites.

On the September 16th, 2016 Darren Waterman, a driver employed by Just Grab Services was unloading material at Fillets Farm, Hunsdon, Hertfordshire, when the crane boom came into contact with an overhead power line with the resulting shock killing him. The HSE investigation found that site manager Options Energy Resource had identified the risk from the overhead power line in its risk assessments but had failed to implement them and adequately plan the work or train its employees.

HSE inspector Samantha Wells said: "This was a tragic and wholly avoidable incident, caused by the failure of Options Energy Resource to implement safe systems of work and to ensure that health and safety documentation was communicated and followed. Every year in the UK, two people are killed and many more are injured when machinery comes into contact with, or close proximity to, overhead power lines."



Lack of planning costs £155,000

UK maintenance company RFT Repairs has been fined £150,000 plus costs of £5,392 after an employee working on a roof fell, sustaining serious injuries. In September 2016, two roofers were repairing a leaky roof in Felixstowe, Suffolk, but there was no edge protection and access to the roof was via an unsecured ladder.

When one of the men used the ladder, it slipped, causing him to fall from a height of two metres. He sustained contusion and bruising to his head along with hearing damage.

An investigation found the assessment of the work prior to the arrival of the roofers on site was inadequate. There was neither a system for checking the correct equipment for work at height was being used, nor for supervision of the work.

Support service for simulator training

Canadian developer CM Labs has launched the SimGuide Service, an advisory/consulting service for those considering the use of simulators in their training courses.

The fee based service, which will be launched and demonstrated at Bauma, has been designed to support companies that want to develop a simulator based training programme for the first time, or extend the use of simulators in existing courses. The advice is individually tailored to meet each company's unique requirements, typical objectives include previewing training programmes to see where simulator use might fit, and helping companies develop a structured training processes and adapt to changes associated with simulation technology.

Director of training solutions Drew Carruthers said: "By its nature, simulation is a highly flexible technology. And while every company is different, we have implemented learning solutions for hundreds of clients. This means we are well qualified to guide our clients to ensure that they get the maximum benefit out of their simulator initiatives."



Record number of apprentices graduate at JCB

A total of 79 JCB Level two and Level three apprentices received their apprenticeship certificates earlier this month, along with contracts of employment with the company. This is a new record for JCB in terms of apprentice appointments.



Some of the 79 JCB apprentices

Steel erectors training network expands

Three companies - ASPE-South of North Carolina, Trivent Safety Consultants of Colorado, and Monterey Structural Steel of California - have joined the SEAA/NCCER Ironworker Training and Assessment network run by the Steel Erectors Association of America.



Who trained him then?



Forklift, pallet, van roof and ladder

Spotted in East London, UK, a group of men removing a roller door without any form of access equipment. One is stood on a pallet on the forks of a forklift parked on a ramp, and another on the roof of a van reversed up to the door. They also appear to be using a ladder between the van and the forklift as a platform to reach the centre of the door. A third man leans a ladder against the forklift in order to climb up and take parts down. All of this occurred less than 30 metres from an access rental company.