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Prison for loader crane crush



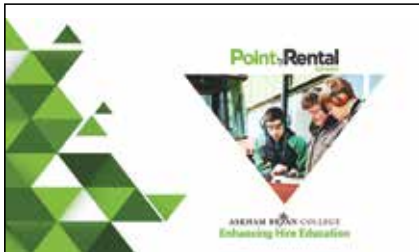
The R K truck and crane

Hafeez Ghafoor, a director of the dissolved UK landscaping company R K United, has been sentenced to a 12 month prison term, suspended for two years, and 200 hours of community service after an employee suffered serious injuries while using its loader crane.

In August 2016, the R K United employee was using the grab type loader crane to deliver soil to a house in Leeds. As he lowered the crane boom it impaled his left arm on a sharp point protruding from the control area, shattering several bones. An investigation found the crane had severe defects, including a disabled safety system, while part of the safety guard around the controls had been cut away, leaving the spike which caught his arm. In addition, the man had not received appropriate training to operate the crane.

Point of Rental partners with UK college

Rental software company Point of Rental is providing software and a training database for use by equipment rental apprentices attending Askham Bryan College in York.



Access to the software and the database is intended to help ensure apprentices receive realistic, thorough training while familiarising them with software used by a large portion of the rental industry. Additionally, Point of Rental will provide training to the Askham Bryan delivery team to ensure they are fully conversant with the system functions and capabilities.

Community service and fine for telehandler injury



The telehandler

Michael Toon, a director of UK waste management company Mike Toon, has been fined £1,500 and 120 hours of unpaid work after an employee was critically injured. In April 2017 Justin Tinsley, then 33, was trapped between a telehandler and gate post at the company's yard in Poole, where it processes and recycled builders' waste and soil.

Tinsley got the machine stuck and was unable to rectify the error, so he climbed out through the cab window to allow Toon in to free the machine. The telehandler then moved unexpectedly, crushing Tinsley against the gate post. He took several weeks to regain consciousness and has yet to fully recovered from his injuries.

An investigation found that Tinsley was being trained by Toon to operate the telehandler, while uncovering several serious long term faults with the machine.

Fall costs £22k plus community service

UK based Weathervane Roofing & Building has been fined £20,000 plus costs of £1,125.70, while director Ian Wilkinson was sentenced to a one year/160 hours community service order, plus a fine of £1,125.40 after an employee fell through a skylight in March 2018.

The employee was carrying replacement parts of a fragile roof on a farm building in Dronfield, Derbyshire when he fell four and a half metres, fracturing his knee, elbow and wrist. An investigation found that Wilkinson did not adequately plan the work at height and had no safe system of work in place for removal and replacement of the roof. As a result, there were inadequate measures in place for preventing falls.

A-Plant apprenticeship award

A-Plant has won the British Army Large Employer of the Year Award at the north west regional final of the National Apprenticeship Awards. The regional awards celebrate outstanding apprentices, employers and individuals who champion apprenticeships across England.



(L-R) Anthony Knowles of the North Education and Skills Funding Agency, Steve Lynas and Bob Harper of A-Plant, and Lt.Col. Jim Dowle

Who trained them?



Three men in an overloaded boom lift atop a truck

Spotted by a reader, a group of men misusing a boom lift. To begin with, they did not bother to unload the platform, secondly there are three of them in the basket, including one who is a little hefty - certainly more than the 'average' 80kg, so they are almost certainly exceeding the Genie Z-45's 227kg maximum platform capacity. Thirdly they are installing an overhead cable, alongside what looks like power lines, and finally they are not wearing harnesses or lanyards.