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# SCOTTISH CRANE OPERATOR APPRENTICESHIP

Scotland's SPOA (Scottish Plant Owners Association) has announced a new two year crane operators' apprenticeship in conjunction with the UK Construction Industry Training Board.

The programme includes 13 weeks at the National Construction College in Bircham Newton, England, covering slinger signaller, telescopic handler, equipment marshaller and mobile cranes. Apprentices will also gain access to IPAF accreditation.

SPOA president, Callum Mackintosh said: "One of our key objectives is to ensure Scottish lifting businesses have an accessible path to obtaining skilled and competent crane operators, with support available for companies seeking to upskill their workforce through this apprenticeship. Employers can also claim 50 percent funding for HGV training for these apprentices."



# QUICK JUSTICE IN SINGAPORE

A contractor in Singapore was fined for lifting a one tonne bulk material bag onto a pedestrian footbridge above a three-lane highway in Tampines, Singapore.

The contractor was also ordered to stop work and send the work crew for re-training - all within three days of the incident being spotted.



# FATAL FALL COSTS £825K

Three UK companies - Inco contracts, PTSG Electrical Services and Prestige Security Installations - have been fined a total of almost £825,000 following a fatal fall in Warrington.

Dennis Vincent, 36, was working on a roof and using ropes to install a lightning protection system on a residential building when the frame he was attached to broke free. His employer, PTSG Electrical Services was fined £120,000, whilst principal contractor Inco Contracts was fined £600,000 plus £58,448 costs, and Prestige Security was fined £30,000 plus £15,000 costs.

Inco and Prestige failed to ensure that the lighting work had been properly planned and failed to monitor the work, which would have been safer with a scaffold or aerial work platform.

HSE inspector Sara Andrews said: "It is vitally important that work at height is properly planned. Had the plans been reviewed properly suitable controls could have been put in place prior to starting work and this tragic incident could have been avoided."

# WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

A reader spotted a photo of two men caulking/painting a new home, reaching heights of up to five metres with no work at height equipment. The solution? A small set of steps, four paint containers, a plank and a saw horse - still too low. The solution? Get a mate to sit on your shoulders, walk to the highest point of the plank, stretch and you are there!



# IGNORING NOTICES COSTS £4K

UK company RS Rendering Specialists has been fined £3,000 plus £1,000 costs after an HSE inspector noticed unsafe scaffolding being used to render and paint a house in Eccles, Manchester as he drove past. The company was issued with an improvement notice, which it ignored. It was also found to have failed to plan the work safely or carry out mandatory weekly scaffold inspections. Consequently, the company was banned from using the unsafe scaffolding.



Less than a week later, the same inspector driving past again, noticed that the house colour had changed and that the scaffold was still in use without rectifying the issues, in spite of the prohibition notice. HSE inspector Phil Redman said: "We will not hesitate to prosecute companies which ignore enforcement notices issued to prevent risks from falls or other health and safety matters."



# FORKLIFT FATALITY COSTS £500K

UK company The Barcode Warehouse has been fined £500,000 plus £7,040 costs following a fatal incident in Newark in June 2019.

Jamie Anderson, 35, ran over a kerbstone while driving a fork lift truck, causing it to overturn. He was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the seat, with the roll cage landing on him. The HSE found that Barcode had failed to enforce seatbelt use. HSE inspector Tim Nicholson said: "The employer should have identified and managed the risks and enforced the use of seatbelts."

