

TECHNICAL NEWSLETTER – 3RD JUNE 2013

FALL FROM HEIGHT

A Merseyside builder has appeared in court after an employee suffered life-threatening injuries when he fell from the roof of a terraced house.

The 48-year-old from Wallasey, who does not want to be named, landed head first on the tarmac path outside the front door of the house in Wallasey on 2 August 2012. His skull was split open causing a severe bleed on his brain.

His employer, Scott Davies, was prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive after an investigation found the scaffolding tower was incomplete and unsafe, and that there was inappropriate protection for the edge of the roof.

Wirral Magistrates' Court heard Mr Davies, who trades as Merseyside Roofing Solutions, had been hired to repair a flat roof over a bay window, repair damaged roof tiles and fit new guttering at the three-bedroom end-terrace house. His employee was working on the roof when he slipped down a sloping section and off the unprotected edge, falling more than six metres to the ground below. As well as sustaining severe head injuries, he also suffered crushed vertebra and prolapsed discs in his back, a broken collar bone, and shoulder and nerve damage.

He was in hospital for several weeks and will never work again due to the extent of his injuries. He still suffers fits and is waiting to have a metal plate fitted to his skull. The court was told Mr Davies did not have any Employers' Liability Compulsory Insurance at the time of the incident. This means the injured worker will be unable to make a claim for compensation from an insurance company.

Scott Davies, 39, pleaded guilty to separate breaches of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and the Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969. He was ordered to carry out 100 hours of community service in the next 12 months, and to pay prosecution costs of £3,000.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE Inspector Mark Baker said:

"The worker sustained horrific life-changing injuries and could easily have been killed. Scott Davies was in charge of the work, but he failed to put in place suitable safety measures. The scaffolding tower was unsafe and there was no barrier around the roof to prevent workers falling to the ground below."

"The injured worker's injuries mean he will never be able to return to work, and will need support for the rest of his life. Sadly Mr Davies' decision not to get insurance, despite it being a legal requirement, means that the worker will be unable to make an insurance claim for compensation."

Falls from height are the biggest cause of workplace deaths in the construction industry in Great Britain. Information on improving safety is available at www.hse.gov.uk/falls.

MAJOR HIGHWAYS CONTRACT - £70M

Keelagher Okey Klein have been awarded the CDMC duties on the major highways contract between Lafarge Tarmac and Halton and Warrington Borough Councils worth up to £70m.

The contract is worth up to £7m per annum and will run for six years, with the option for a four year extension.

Lafarge Tarmac will start work for Halton Borough Council in June 2013 and Warrington Borough Council in April 2014. Our duties have commenced immediately in developing a robust Health and Safety management regime for planned and reactive works within Halton.

The works consist of surfacing, emergency response, winter maintenance and capital schemes on behalf of both local authorities.

And we still want all your QS, BS and CDMC enquiries of all sizes.

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In Warrington in April 1980 as
Pheasant Keelagher Partnership

QUALITY ASSURANCE:

BS EN ISO 9001: 2008

CORE SERVICES:

Quantity Surveying
Building Surveying
CDM Coordinator
Project Management
Site Waste Management Planning
Measured Term Contract Administration
Training
Fire Risk Surveys
Bills of Quantities
Quality and Safety Auditing and Training
Quality Assurance Consultancy
Design Services
Procure 21 and PFI
Builders Quantities

SAFETY SERVICES/TRAINING:

CDM Awareness
Risk Assessment
Confined Spaces
NEBOSH Construction Certificate
IOSH Managing Safely (Adapted for construction)
Conflict Management
Manual Handling (CIEH Validated)
Controlling Hazardous substances (CIEH Validated)
Patient Manual Handling
Bespoke and in-house courses
See our website

ACCREDITATION INCLUDES:

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Association of Project Safety
Association of Building Engineers
Institution of Safety and Health
Constructionline - Registration Number 17436
North West Consortium for NHS Trusts
Link-Up, The Rail Industry Supplier Qualification and Registration
Daresbury Laboratory
The University of Manchester
The University of Salford
Alder Hey Children's Hospital
Golden Gates Housing Trust

SYSTEMS:

Implementation of Health and Safety Management
Implementation of Quality Management Systems

AUDIT/RISK ASSESSMENT:

Provision of CDM compliance audits and action plans
Site Safety Audits and Inspections
Quality Management audits
Fire Risk Surveys

CLIENT QUOTES:

".. how much I have appreciated working with you during the last sixteen years. It is with your help and co-operation that Matalan has achieved the targets and tight schedules which at times have seemed almost impossible".

".. Keelagher's commitment to our project has been considerable and their professional conduct exemplary".

"We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your professional services over the past years".

"This talk was the best of any sort we have attended"

"We have always had a relationship based upon mutual trust and professional appreciation".

".. like to thank you for your sustained efforts on our behalf".

TYPICAL COMMISSIONS:

CLIENT: Alder Hey Children's Hospital
COMMISSION:

Construction Partnering Contract:
Quantity Surveying/CDM Coordination
VALUE: Various orders totalling over £22M

CLIENT: Golden Gates Housing Ltd.

COMMISSIONS:

CDM Coordinator on all repair, alterations, extensions,
maintenance
VALUE: 13M

CLIENT: Network Rail

COMMISSIONS:

An urgent survey of 464 Vehicle Incursion risk sites
Training in CDM Regulations

CLIENT: Matalan plc

COMMISSIONS:

73 Stores throughout the UK
Project Management/Quantity Surveying
CDMC/Design

CLIENT: University of Manchester

COMMISSION:

Framework agreement for CDM Coordinator
VALUE: Over £160 million

CLIENT: Taylor Woodrow Construction Ltd.

COMMISSION:

Preparation of Quantities for Tesco Stores
and Health Centre

CLIENT: Halliwell Jones Ltd.

COMMISSION:

Alterations to BMW and Mini Dealerships
Quantity Surveying/CDMC
VALUES: up to £4,500,000

CLIENT: Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

Confined Spaces Risk Assessment Survey
Building Surveying/Training
Whole of Ducts

CLIENT: 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
COMMISSION:

33 urgent projects total value £650,000.00
Building Surveying/Project Management/Quantity Surveying/
Design completed within 8 months of commission