

Linco safe (H&S) Ltd branches out into Wales. Autumn 2016

Bob Hinton & Phil Wolfenden (L-R) have recently joined up to create a Welsh branch of Linco safe (Health & Safety) Ltd, where they will be further able to deliver health & safety assistance to local Welsh firms. Based in Cardiff, Wales, Bob and Phil combined have over 60 years of pragmatic and valuable H&S experience in the Construction industry and from working with Linco safe have diversified in many other industry sectors such as waste, renewables and retail.



Our South Wales branch is therefore a local resource able to give sensible solutions to all sizes of companies in the area including:-

- Health & Safety training for all levels of staff from Facefit testing, UKATA Asbestos Awareness training and Scaffold Inspection through CITB Executive and Director Training
- Holiday and/or sickness cover for existing H&S professionals within any organisation
- Specialist advice on suitable and sufficient detail of Policies and Procedures
- Assistance with documentation submissions for CHAS, Constructionline, SMAS or similar 3rd party assessment organisations affiliated toSSIP standards
- Independent accident and near-miss investigations
- Design support services to comply with CDM2015.

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IOSH Safety for Executives and Directors

IOSH have recently re-approved our IOSH Directing Safely course which has now been re-branded as IOSH Safety for Executives and Directors.

The new course follows IOSH's syllabus and guidelines, with the addition of us being able to tailor it to specific company requirements and make it more not just about Plan, Do, Check, Act and HSG65 but also about Leadership within the company.

John Lacey is carrying out a Safety for Executives & Directors on the 8th November at Linco safe (Health & Safety) Ltd offices in Lincolnshire, the price is £140+VAT per person.

Please contact us for more information and if you wish to run the course for your own company and board of directors at a set day rate price.



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Construction firm in court after worker fractures spine in roof fall

Construction firm Montway Ltd has been fined £144,000 after a worker was seriously injured when he fell off a roof during demolition work.

Southwark Crown Court heard that on 25 February 2013 two workers were working on the roof of a two storey detached house at 17 Basing Hill, Golders Green in London.

Romanian labourer Mr. Ioan Vancea fell from the partly demolished roof and suffered serious injuries. No scaffolding had been provided and the work was not being supervised.

Mr. Vancea fell some five metres from the roof to the ground and sustained a series of injuries including a fractured spine. He was in an induced coma for two weeks and remained in hospital for three months.

The site was inspected by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) two weeks after the incident and unsupervised demolition work was still being carried out. A number of serious matters were identified including asbestos which had been removed from the house and was found in a pile by a neighbouring property's hedge and in broken pieces mixed in with other debris. Enforcement Notices were immediately served to ensure workers and members of the public were protected.

Montway Limited of Batchworth House, Batchworth Place, Church Street, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, WD3 1JE pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and was fined £144,000 and ordered to pay £43,606.15 in costs.

Montway Ltd originally pleaded not guilty, but changed their plea and sought a Newton Hearing to determine numerous issues it disputed. The Newton Hearing took place before District Judge Roscoe between 23-24 May 2016.

HSE inspector Andrew Verrall-Withers commented after the hearing:

"Mr. Vancea's injuries were life changing and he could easily have been killed."

"This serious incident would have been avoided if scaffolding had been provided. Montway Ltd's site documents even identified it was needed."

"Montway Ltd sought a Newton hearing so they could dispute numerous issues in front of a District Judge. They were unsuccessful and the Judge's ruling confirmed she was satisfied that their approach towards the welfare of their employees was lax and casual, and it was their overall poor management of health and safety that directly led to this incident."¹



¹ <http://press.hse.gov.uk/2016/construction-firm-in-court-after-worker-fractures-spine-in-roof-fall/>

Company director jailed following workers death

A company director has been jailed for 12-months following the death of one of his workers.

Father-of-three Paul Williamson, who was 51 years old, died on 29 January 2014 when a remote controlled Mobile Elevated Working Platform (MEWP) he was loading on to a truck fell from the ramps and crushed him.

Manchester Crown Court heard how Paul Williamson had not been adequately trained on the use of the ramps, the lorry and the MEWP. There was no risk assessment in place and no safe system of work had been created for the equipment, which had only been in operation for eight days.

The gradient of the ramps were above the manufacturer's specification and they were not secured to the lorry. As the MEWP, a Spider 1800, was loaded onto the truck it toppled off the ramps on to Paul Williamson.

Company director Kenneth Thelwall, Burleigh Road, Enfield, was charged under section 37 of the Health and Safety at Work Act, sentenced to 12-months in prison and ordered to pay costs of £4,000. He was also disqualified from being a

company director for seven years.

Thorn Warehousing Ltd was charged under Section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work Act was fined £166,000 and ordered to pay £10,400 costs. The company is currently in administration.

HSE's Inspector, Helen Jones said:

"Kenneth Thewall failed in his duty as a director to protect his workers. He was involved in the day-to-day running of Thorn Warehousing Ltd and should have ensured the company provided Paul Williamson with the right equipment and training to carry out his job. Had he done so Mr Williamson would still be alive today.

"This case should act as a stark warning to all company directors of their personal responsibility to protect their workers' health and safety and the tragic consequences when they fail."¹

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<http://press.hse.gov.uk/2016/company-director-jailed-following-workers-death/by-machinery-3/>

Essex school fined after refurbishment disturbs asbestos

An Essex school has been fined after poorly-planned and managed refurbishment and maintenance activities exposed school staff and others to asbestos.

Chelmsford Crown Court heard that managers at The Boswells School, Chelmsford, decided to convert an old boiler room at the school into a cleaning store. During the course of this work, asbestos residue on the walls was disturbed and caretakers swept contaminated debris from floors. Their exposure to risk only came to light after a later asbestos survey was completed in the area.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigated this incident and learned that asbestos containing materials (ACM's) were also present in other areas. School caretaking staff and contractors disturbed the fabric of school buildings over many years without being alerted to the presence of ACM's. Persons who entered potentially contaminated areas were placed at risk of developing serious ill health conditions arising from exposure to airborne respirable asbestos fibres. The school also failed to ensure that spread of asbestos was prevented or reduced.

The Boswells Academy Trust, of Burnham Road, Chelmsford, Essex, pleaded guilty to breaching the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 - Sections 2(1) & 3(1). The trust was fined £26,000 and ordered to pay costs of £20,000.

HSE Inspector Glyn Davies said after the hearing: "The Boswells Academy Trust should have controlled this potentially lethal risk by identifying the type,

location and condition of any asbestos-containing materials within the fabric of the school, and by implementing suitable precautions to prevent its disturbance. It should then have ensured that such information was shared with anyone liable to disturb this fabric. It may also have arranged for a licensed asbestos contractor to remove any dangerous asbestos safely before commencement of any work.

"This prosecution should act as a reminder, not just to schools but to all persons in control of the repair and maintenance of non-domestic premises, of the need to ensure that a suitable and sufficient assessment of risk from asbestos is carried out, and that correct control measures are put in place to ensure that exposure to asbestos is prevented, so far as is reasonably practicable."¹

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<http://press.hse.gov.uk/2016/essex-school-fined-after-refurbishment-disturbs-asbestos/>

Need to Know news...

Whats new in 2016

Our Open Training dates can be found below and also on our website where new dates are regularly updated monthly to suit demand.

Asbestos Awareness Cat A UKATA *approved

*UKATA - November 4th £65pp +VAT

CITB/Cskills - Health & Safety Awareness 1 day course - for the CSCS Card scheme

HSA CITB/Cskills - December 5th £150pp +VAT

CITB/Cskills - SMSTS (Site Managers) 5 day course in 2017

CITB/Cskills SMSTS- January 23,24,30,31 & 6th February 2017- £500+VAT per person

CITB/Cskills - SMSTS Refresher 2 day course

CITB/Cskills SMSTS- December 13,14 - £290+VAT per person

IOSH Managing Safely in Construction 4 day course in 2017

IOSH Managing Safely February 7,14,21,28 £600pp + VAT

IOSH Safety for Executives and Directors

IOSH Safety for Executives and Directors 8th November £140pp+VAT

All prices inc Books and Certification; if you would like further information please do contact our office on:-

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If you use the Checklists and forms from the CITB / Cskills GE700 booklet and would like to download them for free please find them here on the following link from the CITB website:-

<http://www.citb.co.uk/publications/companion-websites/ge-700-companion/checklists-and-forms/>



We are pleased to announce that Lincsafes (H&S) Ltd are supporting the Children's Bereavement Centre, Newark to raise vital funds for the charitable work they do in supporting children, young people, and their family members following a terminal illness diagnosis or bereavement. The Children's Bereavement centre offer 1-1 counselling support sessions during this traumatic time in their lives. They also provide themed workshops throughout the year and hold an annual 2-day Bereavement Camp. All support is provided free at the point of access.

We would like to bring to your attention, both as a business client and as an individual that there are numerous ways in which you may be able to help this fantastic charity to continue with their life changing work by registering on-line to a fund raising website. Each time you wish to purchase anything on-line, i.e. hotels, travel, holidays, eBay, Amazon, in fact retail shopping of any kind, with 3 simple clicks, a percentage of your outlay will be donated by the retail business to the charity. It really is that simple and does not cost you a penny! One example is that when you book any hotel through the Booking.com website, 3% of the cost is donated to the charity which is an extremely healthy donation for them.

Please click on the below link <https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cbc-newark/> to start fundraising online for the Children's Bereavement Centre and register them as your chosen charity. You can of course support any charity of your choice who are registered with the fundraising website, perhaps even share between more than one.

We would like to hear from you if you or your staff intend to support the charity using this service.

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