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Firm pays £90,000 for LOLER Infringement

A company in Wrexham, North Wales that repeatedly failed to arrange statutory checks on its lifting equipment has been fined £90,000.

The Crown Court heard that, between 4 April 2014 and 28 August 2015, the company did not arrange for its lifting equipment to be thoroughly examined within the required timescales. Thorough examinations ensure equipment is safe to operate and allow deterioration to be detected and remedied in good time.



In 2015 a Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspection revealed the company had overdue Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER) examinations on at least 14 items. Though an improvement notice that was served was extended twice, the company still failed to comply. The HSE had issued a previous improvement notice in 2011.

The company pleaded guilty to breaching [Regulation 9\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\) of LOLER](#), which requires employers to examine lifting equipment thoroughly every six months, and for failing to comply with an improvement notice. It was fined £90,000 and ordered to pay costs of £3,068.

Further information on LOLER regulation can be found [here](#).

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