



**SUBJECT: Every Little (£160K Fine) Help!**

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## Supermarket fined after employee fractured pelvis

£160,000 fine after a member of staff at a store was seriously injured when a cage full of goods fell onto them as they were unloading it from a lorry.

The employee suffered severe injuries, including a fractured pelvis, as a result of the incident had to be rushed to hospital.

The Local Authorities Health and Safety and Legal teams brought the action because the roll cage, which is used to deliver goods to shops, should only ever be moved by two people. The supermarket had a previous health and safety conviction for allowing a lone worker to move a cage at another store.

The supermarket pleaded guilty to a charge under section two of the [Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974](#). The Leader of the prosecuting Local Authority commented:

*“It is vital that workers are properly protected and safe when they are doing their jobs. We will always take action to ensure that proper standards are maintained by the borough’s employers.*

*“The size of the fine should serve as a deterrent and a signal to employers that we take the health and safety of our residents and others very seriously.”*

The supermarket was also ordered to pay £18,118 in costs to the Local Authority and a victim surcharge of £120



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