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Council's CDM regs violation led to falling roof trusses

A local authority that was the principal contractor (PC) for a construction project has been sentenced after a worker was struck by falling roof trusses.

The Council was fined £28,000 after the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found it had not properly monitored work activities at the building site. The council's failure to ensure the safe storage of trusses was a contributing factor to the accident, the HSE said, along with its failure to manage the volume of materials on site. Vehicle operations had not been planned or managed, and housekeeping was poor.



The Magistrates' Court was told that the injured person was a self-employed labourer working for two self-employed bricklayers, who in turn were contracted by The Council. On 5th October 2017 the worker crossed the front of the building plot when a pack of roof trusses fell on him, trapping him by the head and right arm, to which he sustained serious injuries.

The Council pleaded guilty to breaching reg 13(1) of the Construction (Design Management) Regulations 2015, which requires PCs to plan, manage and monitor the construction phase of a project.

It was fined and ordered to pay £1,648 in costs.

[HSE CDM webpage](#)

[LCC's G38 guidance webpage](#)

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