



SUBJECT: Fall From Height Lands Six-Figure Fine

RECIPIENTS: All Council Services (including schools)

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On 6 June 2018, an employee of a specialist chemical provider was seriously injured whilst carrying out an inspection of pipe work at the company's site in Workington.

The subsequent investigation undertaken by the HSE found that:

- The ladder the employee was using had failed
- The company had not ensured that the work being undertaken was correctly planned
- Equipment for work at height had not been inspected at regular intervals

On 30 September 2019 at Carlisle Magistrates' Court, the company pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and was fined £120,000 with costs of £5,155.80.

Health & Safety Bulletin



Accidents caused by working at height are one of the main causes of occupational injury and death. Those managing activities of this nature should consider whether working at height can be avoided, and if not, to ensure that the work is correctly planned, managed, and that the equipment is suitable and fit for use.

To view LCC's G36 Work at Heights Policy, [click here](#).

If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject please contact:

Corporate Health & Safety Advisers (see George section: Corporate > Information for Working > Risk Management > H&S Advisers)