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The Lily Foundation
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Lily Anna Merritt was a beautiful little girl and despite being given days to live, she graced this world with eight months of life. The Lily Foundation was built on Lily's strength and inspired by her fighting spirit. Although The Lily Foundation was founded in Lily's memory - it is not for Lily. It is to give hope, answers and support to the many other children and families that face the challenges of this disease. There is no cure or treatment for Mitochondrial Disease.

RHSS Limited are going to be organising a golf day for this cause for RHSS clients to make a contribution through attending this event.

Our new training facility



Our Health and Safety Training Courses include:

First Aid at Work (3 day) | First Aid Appointed Person | Manual Handling
Working at Height | Fire Awareness | Fire Warden Training | Foundation in Health and Safety | CDM Awareness | Asbestos Awareness | Business Continuity Planning
Health and Safety for Directors and Senior Managers
Risk Assessment Training



HIGH STREET RETAILER LOSES APPEAL

Fashion chain New Look's appeal against its fine for fire safety breaches at its Oxford Street store has been dismissed, with the Court of Appeal saying the fine was not excessive in view of the company's "lamentable" performance of fire safety duties.

The high street retailer was fined a record £400,000 and ordered to pay costs of £136,052 last year following a fire at the London store.

New Look admitted serious breaches of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the RRO) as it was found that despite the store's fire alarm sounding, it was reset at least once.



But in appeal the retailer argued the sentencing judge had not given sufficient consideration to the fact the breaches did not cause the fire, nor did the fire cause injury or death.

It also argued that he had applied a higher presumed standard of seriousness to breaches of fire safety responsibilities than he would for breaches of duty towards staff and visitors under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

These submissions were not accepted by the Court of Appeal and concluded that while it accepted that the fire itself was not caused by the retailer's breach of duty, the offences were serious enough to create a magnitude of risk in which death and serious injury in the fire was avoided by luck.

Some 450 people were evacuated from the store and surrounding properties when the fire broke out in April 2007. The cause has never been established.

CONSULTANTS REGISTER DUE IN 6 MONTHS

The HSE intends to set up a registration scheme for safety consultants by January 2011.

The voluntary scheme will create a register of consultants accredited to give employers competent advice. The scheme was agreed at a meeting of the major health and safety bodies chaired by HSE chief executive Geoffrey Podger recently.

18-TONNE TRUCK CRUSHED RECYCLING WORKER

A Widnes waste management company has been ordered to pay penalties of more than £16,000 for traffic management failures that led to a worker losing part of his left leg. The 46-year-old man, who does not wish to be named, had to have his left leg amputated below the knee after the accident at WSR Recycling Limited in Ditton Road.

Chris Goddard, investigating inspector for the Health and Safety Executive, said: "This worker has suffered a life-long injury as a result of a tragic incident and was very fortunate not to have been killed. "He was run over by a very heavy vehicle, so his injuries could have been much worse. "It was foreseeable that pedestrians and vehicles would be working in the same area as trucks, so measures should have been taken to manage the risks.

"The site should have been properly supervised so that workers were kept away from moving vehicles.

"Waste companies cannot afford to relax about safety and risk developing bad habits as a result."

The man was working in a tipping bay on September 14, 2009, when he was struck by a Volvo L110E articulated shovel loader. WSR Recycling admitted it did not ensure pedestrians and vehicles could move around the bay safely when it was prosecuted by the HSE at Halton Magistrates Court on Monday. The company was ordered to pay a £10,000 fine and £6,338 towards prosecution costs.

SCISSOR LIFT DEATH FINE

East Ayrshire Council has been fined £56,000 for the death of electrician Robert McGill who was fatally crushed under a scissor lift which toppled while he was replacing lights in the gym hall at a school in Ayrshire, West Scotland. The machine had been modified and should have been secured by four stabilisers, but the council had not given the workers any formal training to erect or use the lift.

Myths

The reality around banning!

We've said it all before, but there are still too many reports that HSE and health and safety law are responsible for all sorts of bans – cheese-rolling events, knitting in hospitals and even toothpicks!

In reality HSE has banned very little outright, apart from a few high-risk exceptions like asbestos, which kills around 4000 people a year.

Too often health and safety is used as a convenient excuse, but it's time to challenge this and remind people to focus on the real risks – those that are still causing people to be killed, injured or made ill at work.

Challenge the myths, tackle real risks!

The reality of gas safety

Gas and cowboys don't mix! Anyone who is employed to work on gas appliances must be listed on the Gas Safe Register. If the person you're using isn't registered then they might not be safe and they are also breaking the law. Incorrectly fitted or badly repaired gas appliances can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning, gas leaks, fires and explosions. By using a Gas Safe engineer, you can make sure that they're qualified to do the work safely - just check the back of their ID card!

CDM

The Construction Design Management Regulations 2007 place duties on all people who contribute towards the Health and Safety on construction projects.

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