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## **£250K FOR SUSPENDED PLATFORM PLUNGE**

UK company Zarafa Height Solutions and Giraffe Access Company were fined £120,000 each plus costs of £7,983 following an incident in June 2020 in which a suspended cradle plunged nine floors - almost 30 metres - when one of its support beams broke away from the residential building they were working

on in London.

It appears that manufacturer Zarafa Height Solutions had provided the wrong size of end stops for the support beam which allowed it to come away. When sister company Giraffe Access installed the cradle and support beams its staff failed to identify that they were defective when carrying out their safety checks prior to commissioning.

HSE inspector Kevin Smith said: "This incident could have ended in a double tragedy. Both of these men suffered injuries but were fortunate to escape with their lives."





### **MANAGING WORK RELATED STRESS**

The UK's HSE has launched a free interactive tool as part of its 'working minds campaign' to promote better mental health in the workplace. It features six modules with guidance on how employers can meet their legal obligations and also understand how to include stress in workplace assessments.

Liz Goodwill, head of work related stress policy at the HSE, said: "More than half of small and medium sized businesses we visited knew they had a legal duty to assess the risk of stress, but the number who did this was low. This new tool should help employers understand the actions necessary to help bridge this gap."

In the past three years the annual cost of poor mental health has increased by 25 percent in the UK and costs employers and the economy up to £56 billion a year.



#### CPL OPENS IPAF TRAINING CENTRE

UK vehicle mounted sales, installation and service company CPL has opened an in-house IPAF training centre at its headquarters in Kettering, Northamptonshire.

The courses will begin at the start of next year, while the new centre will be led by technical supervisor Stephen Gormley, who is now a fully certified IPAF trainer.

Managing director Paul Murphy said: "Becoming an IPAF training centre is a significant milestone for CPL."



#### FATAL FALL COSTS £16K

UK company ELP Broadcast and Events was fined £16,000 plus costs of £2,970 for the death of Russell Bowry, 52, a self-employed rigger who fell 10 metres while assembling a rehearsal stage in March 2018.

The HSE found that ELP had failed to plan and implement a safe system of work and also failed to implement its own health and safety policy or ensure there was adequate supervision.

# WHO TRAINED THEM THEM?

A reader spotted a couple of men online using a cheap steel scaffold tower and wheel loader to work at height. The two installed the tower in the bucket and the driver raised the structure to full height and drove it into position. His colleague in the bucket then climbed the tower to install a lamp head. On looking around the internet it seems this technique, usually with farm tractors, is fairly widespread.



